WEATHER.

Fair Thursday, colder except extreme west portion; Friday fair, continued cold.

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CHRISTMAS shopping should be done this week while stocks are complete, clerks have time and the buyer avoids haste.

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PRESIDENT WILSON CONSIDERING SERIOUSLY THE POSSIBILITY OF SUGGESTING LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Has Reached No Decision as to Course in Connection With Teutons' Peace Proposals

NOTE NOT YET RECEIVED

Will be No Delay in Transmitting Communication to the Entente Governments

OFFICIALS STILL RETICENT

Colonel House in Conference With Mr. Wilson Yesterday

Washington, Dec. 13.—Serious consideration is being given by President Wilson to the possibility that any exchanges of views that may follow the peace proposals of the Central Powers to the Entente Allies may develop an opportunity to bring forward the suggestion for a league of nations to enforce permanent peace. He has reached no decision, however, as to the course to be followed by the United States, and probably will not, pending the arrival of the official cablegram containing the communication handed to 'Charge Grew by the German government.

To Deliver Note Promptly.

As the cablegram had not been received at the State Department tonight, officials were reticent about discussing the situation. It is understood that the communication will be transmitted promptly to the Entente governments regardless of what attitude may be adopted by the United States and that the American course probably must be guided largely by the reception given the Teutonic offer in the Entente countries. It is regarded as certain, however, that either informally or formally, quietly or publicly, the government here will find a way of displaying its interest in the restoration of peace. Most officials think a considerable time will elapse after the communication is delivered before a formal reply is framed by the Allies and in the meantim a very clear idea of what that reply is to be and how any attempt at mediation by neutrals would be viewed will be gained through diplomatic channels.

The trend of public opinion in Great Britain and Russia is being followed closely, and the American ambassadors in those countries have been instructed to forward promptly any available indication of official views.

Confers With Col. House.

President Wilson's only one conference on the subject today was with Col. E. M. House. It was suggested during the day that the President might discuss the situation in general terms before the annual Conference of Governors here tomorrow, but he had not decided tonight whether he would accept an invitation to address the governors and had given no indication of what might be his subject if he did speak.

Much interest is felt here in the speech to be delivered tomorrow night at St. Louis before the League to Enforce Peace by Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee. There is no understanding, however, that the senator, if he touches upon the latest development, will do so as a spokesman of the administration.

GERMAN PAPERS COMMENT ON PROPOSAL TO ENTENTE

Berlin, Dec. 13. (via London)—The Kreuz Zeitung expresses the fear that any peace which, to the Entente Allies, does not bear the aspect of defeat would prove a great danger for Germany and be only an armistice.

Die Post doubts the expediency of the peace offer, but says it is glad no neutral has been asked to mediate. The Taegliche Rundschau fears that the Entente Allies will draw out the negotiations by making impossible counter proposals, hoping to enlist pressure from "neutral America".

The Tages Zeitung says it wishes Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg had emphasized more strongly the fact that Germany offered peace as a victor and that the peace terms must adequately reward Germany for the sacrifices she had made.

The socialist organ, the Vorwaerts, sees a great and unique feature in the offer, in that it breaks with the old tradition, that the defeated side must ask for the commencement of peace negotiations. The newspaper says that in view of the fact that French socialists belong to a government allied with Russia and thus are committed to Russia recently proclaimed plans for conquest, and that English socialists have just entered the British cabinet with a program of fighting to a finish, it cannot indulge in strong hopes that Germany's overtures will lead to peace.

The Tageblatt surmises that Germany's peace terms will be reasonable for "an offer of peace can mean nothing unless wise moderation accompanies the conciliatory act."

The newspaper warns the people against having too optimistic expectations.

Premier Briand, Referring To Peace Proposal, Warns French Nation to Beware of Enemies

Says France Will Do No Less in the Premises Than Other Members of the Allied Conference—Says "For the Hundredth Time" That the Enemy's Hands Are the Ones That Are Blood Stained—Has Confidence in Victory.

Paris, Dec. 13—The chamber of deputies by a vote of 314 to 165 this evening adopted a resolution of confidence in the new government.

Premier Briand, during this session, delivered a speech on the German imperial chancellor's peace proposal, in which he warned the country to beware of France's enemies. He added that France would do no less in premieses than the other members of the allied conference.

"I have the duty to place my country on guard against possible poisoning," said M. Briand amid applause.

"When a country arms itself to the teeth, when it seizes men everywhere in violation of the laws of nations and enforces labor upon them, I should be guilty if I did not cry out to my country 'Look out; take care!

"I have the right in the first place to say to our enemies for the hundredth time, 'the blood is on your hands, not upon ours.' Not that I doubt the clear-sightedness of my country but in the face of these attempts to spread dissension among the Allies, I exclaim, 'the French republic will not do less than the convention.'

"No one can say that I have ever been unduly optimistic, but today, however, more than ever we must have the conviction that victory is certain. No where have the German successes been decisive. It is true that valorous Rumania has been forced to yield, and it is a sad event; but its army, supported by that of Russia, will come into its own. As to the question in the east, it is far from being settled and tomorrow there will be a new front which will neutralize the enemies forces."

SIR GILBERT PARKER SEES NO HOPE YET FOR PEACE

London, Dec. 13.—Among statements regarding the peace overtures by the Central Powers given out today was one from Sir Gilbert Parker, which said in part:

"Does any reasonable minded German think that France, Russia, Italy, England and above all Belgium, Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro would agree to a peace which did not include the restoration with due compensation of these small kingdoms as they were before the war?

"Does any one suppose that we in this country who went into the war bitterly resenting militarism threatening the very foundations of civilization would assent to a peace which would leave Germany's military powers unbroken?

"This is not the time for Germany

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LINER RAMMED BY MYSTERIOUS SHIP

Steamer Powhatan is Beached to Prevent Sinking in the Lower Chesapeake Bay.

PASSENGERS ALL REMOVED

Four of Crew Seriously Injured—Search For Craft That Struck Steamer Is of No Avail— Cutter Standing By

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 13.—Mystery surrounds a collision in lower Chesapeake Bay tonight in which the Merchants and Miners passenger liner Powhatan was damaged and four members of her crew seriously injured. The identity of the vessel which gave the liner such a grievous blow amidships that she had to be beached on Thimble Shoal bar to prevent her from sinking had not been definitely established at midnight.

First radio messages from the Powhatan said she had been struck by an "unidentified lake-built tramp steamer" No such steamer was found by rescue ships after the collision, it was said. Later the coast guard cutter Yamacraw, which was standing by the distressed ship, reported by wireless that the Old Dominion liner Jamestown had struck the Powhatan. Intercepting this message the Jamestown immediately denied it by radio and the denial subsequently was amplified by officials of the Old Dominion Line here. The Jamestown then was on her way up the coast to New York from Norfolk.

The Powhatan carried 14 passengers from Baltimore, Newport News and Norfolk and was en route for Boston. None of the passengers was injured and as the ship was in no danger in spite of the high wind and heavy seas sweeping the bay, they remained aboard for some hours. Later, however, they were transferred to the Yamacraw which was to bring them here.

Old Dominion Line officials said that the Jamestown's captain had reported that he came upon the Powhatan in response to radio calls for help and that the ship then was beached. The Powhatan reported to him, he said, that she had been hit by an unidentified tramp steamer and need a surgeon. The Yamacraw and two destroyers from the Atlantic fleet in Hampton Roads with several other vessels soon reached the scene and offered to take off the passengers, but it was decided not to transfer them at that time.

A surgeon from the Yamacraw boarded the Powhatan and treated the injured, and all the other vessels except the destroyers proceeded on their voyage.

FOUR MEN HURT WHEN LINER STRUCK UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL

Baltimore, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from Norfolk tonight to General Manager W. P. Coria, of the Merchants and Miners

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GERMANY DEFENDS POLICY IN BELGIUM

Declares Prevalence of Unemployment Is Caused By British Policy of Isolation

DEPORTATIONS NECESSARY

Overseas News Agency Gives Out Reply to Inquiries of United States as Published Today in the Norddeutsche Zeitung.

Berlin, Dec. 13. (via Sayville).—Germany's reply to the inquiries of the United States into the matter of the Belgian unemployed and the deportation of Belgians is published today in the Norddeutsche Allegmeine Zeitung, as is given out by the Overseas News Agency. It says in part:

"In Belgium unemployment for a considerable time has been extending in a perplexing fashion among the industrial working men. This prevalence of unemployment has been caused by the English policy of isolation which has cut off Belgian industry from the importation of raw material and the exportation of manufactured goods and has thus brought the greater part of Belgian industry to a standstill.

Measures Were Urgent.

"From the standpoint of Belgian economic right, upon which these unemployed inflict a heavy burden, as also from the standpoint of public order and public morals which are most dangerously affected by general unemployment and the accompanying consequences, this situation makes it extremely desirable and urgent that efficient measures for employment be taken. This necessity has been recognized and pointed out also by fair-minded Belgians for a long time.

"Belgian industries being in a depressed condition, it was impossible to procure for all the unemployed work, or at least proper employment within Belgium itself. The only thing possible, therefore, was to assign them to work in Germany, where a large number of Belgian working men had already accepted work, were well fed, were receiving high wages and were enjoying far reaching liberty of movement. For those working men, however, that did not support their families, coercive labor was used.

International Law Complied With

"These measures are completely in accordance with international law. The order has been carried out with all possible consideration and without harshness. If isolated mistakes have happened in the selection of persons sent to Germany, and if, especially, the measure has been extended to persons where the conditions of the order of May 15, 1916, are not fulfilled, the cause has been that the Belgian authorities frequently failed to co-operate in drawing up a list of the unemployed or reported in incorrect fashion. Care has been taken that such mistakes shall be

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GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS WERE SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

Dr. Zimmerman Says England Has Repeatedly Said U-Boats Ought to be Destroyed

DISCUSSES U. S. ATTITUDE

Explains Feeling of Germans as Result of Associated Press' Washington Dispatch

Berlin, Dec. 13, (via Sayville).—Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, secretary for foreign affairs, discussed today, with a member of the staff of the Overseas News Agency, the impression created by the attitude of the United States towards Germany and Great Britain as outlined in the Associated Press' dispatches of November 19. Dr. Zimmermann said:

"Almost since the beginning of the war two currents of opinion could be discerned in Germany. Judging by the rules of neutrality the United States intentionally favored Great Britain in an almost outspoken fashion, according to some; others took the view that the United States was neutral in spirit and action.

"The discussion between the advocates of these two opinions was sometimes very animated. This discussion was re-opened by the dispatch in question. The parties and newspapers that did not believe that America was observing strict neutrality accepted the dispatch as confirmation of their opinion and to the others the news came as a shock.

"England has repeatedly announced that all English ships ought to be ready to destroy German submarines wherever they find them. The London Times of November 21 published a letter from a well known member of parliament and ship owner (Robert P. Houston) promising to every English-born captain a prize of £2,000, who, with an English merchant ship destroyed a German submarine. Houston was fully conscious that he advocated and advised actions contrary to the law of nations.

Ships Sunk Without Warning

"We further know that hostile destroyers have attacked and in some cases have sunk German merchantmen without the slightest warning. Thus were sunk the German steamers Burgemeister, Votmelle, Dorita, The Elbe and Hollandia. They were all attacked by enemy submarines with artillery or torpedoes without the shadow of a warning.

"These facts, of course, justify the suspicion that among other German steamers, which are overdue or have not returned, several met their end in the same fashion. In one case, that of the steamer Kolga, we know it from survivors. In this case seven human lives were lost and survivors declared that a British submarine calmly steered around the sinking ship without even stirring a hand towards rescue. I merely refer to this in order to explain the feeling on the German population.

"Germany, on the other hand, has promised the United States to carry on submarine war according to the international rules of cruiser warfare."

Must Keep Promise.

Dr. Zimmermann at this moment interrupted his conversation, walked through his office, stopped and in the face of the interviewer said to his clerk in an energetic manner: "This promise must be kept," then continued:

"The orders to the commanders of our submarines are clear and strict in this direction. I can affirm with absolute certainty that no German submarine has intentionally attacked a merchant ship without warning and without giving all on board ample time and opportunity for rescue. You will read a report about a submarine that found during stormy weather a steamer near the Spanish coast, which it was intended to sink, and which waited many hours patiently because the weather made it impossible to rescue those on board. You will recall other German submarines taking the crews of torpedoed steamers on board until the sea was smooth and a passing ship could take them over."

Dr. Zimmermann paced up and down in his office and repeated:

Animated by Best Feelings.

"These are the facts in the case. We are animated by the best feelings toward everybody. But we are fighting for the life and future of our nation. Everybody can understand that at such a moment as this German public opinion analyses very carefully the facts and compares our attitude with that of the enemy. Of course we are cut off from the greater part of the communications with the outer world, especially with the United States. Our enemies use the cables, the mails and the spoken word in order to place their case before the whole world. But the other nations also ought to hear our voice, our grievances. I, myself, with these words, only mean to explain the reasons for the present popular feeling in Germany and I feel sure that it will be appreciated everywhere by all fair minded people."

The Dispatch in Question

The Associated Press dispatch, which was the subject of Dr. Zimmerman's discussion, dealt with the various questions in the international siautiation to which President Wilson and the State Department are devoting their attention. The dispatch declared that the most spectacular and disquisting of the problems was the submarine situation with Germany, five critical cases being

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VILLA HAS SCHEME TO LOOT AND BURN PROPERTY IN U. S.

Letter From Chihuahua Says He Proposes to Divide Men Into Small Raiding Groups

STEER CLEAR OF PERSHING

Proposes to Raise Army of 25,000 But Denies Intention of Attacking Americans

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 13.—Villa troops are reported to have captured Mapimi, a mining town in the state of Durango, southwest of Torreon, according to government agents here today. No date was given for the reported capture.

Fighting was reported yesterday near Bachimba pass, south of Chihuahua city, between the defacto forces and those of Villa. The railroad and telegraph lines have been cut south of Chihuahua city, according to Carranza officials in Juarez.

Villa announced in Chihuahua city he intended to divide his men into groups of 25 each and distribute them along the American border and in the interior of the United States to loot and burn property, said a letter received from a prominent Chihuahua city business man and forwarded to Washington today.

The bandit also declared his intention of raising an army of 25,000 men but denied he intended to attack General Pershing's column, the letter added. These statements, according to the letter, were made to the meeting of merchants called by Villa, who added he would have his men in the border states issue proclamations calling upon the Mexicans living on the American side "to rise in rebellion against the United States" and join his army.

Villa also declared he had 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition hidden in the desert. Referring to political conditions in the United States he said the European countries would subjugate the United States in order to get its enormous gold supply in which he, Villa, would share.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS BEING MADE BY GENERAL MURGUIA

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 13.—General Murguia, the new commander of operations against Villa, is arresting all persons suspected of having been in communication with rebel troops, 500 in Chihuahua City alone having been detained, according to private reports from Mexico. Telegraph operators have been especially under suspicion it is said.

General Murguia is said to have adopted as his division standard a black flag with skull and cross bones, as a warning to all followers of Villa.

ARREDONDO GOES TO NEW YORK TO MEET MR. PANI

Washington, Dec. 13.—Mexican Ambassador Designate Arredondo went to New York today to meet Alberto J. Pani, back from Queretaro where he submitted to General Carranza the agreement signed at Atlantic City by the Mexican American joint commis-

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COLLECTOR BAILEY IS OFFERED A JUDGESHIP

Named by Governor to Succeed Judge Chas. M. Cooke

Latter Resigns on Account of Poor Health—If Bailey Accepts, Judge Winston May Succeed Him in the Collectorship.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—Returning from Norfolk this evening, Governor Craig tendered to J. W. Bailey, collector of internal revenue, the judgeship for this Superior court district to succeed Judge Chas. M. Cooke, of Louisburg, who resigns on account of failing health.

Mr. Bailey said tonight that he has not received the Governor's letter of appointment but will make answer tomorrow.

His acceptance will vacate the United States internal revenue collectorship, which some predict may go to Francis D. Winston, who resigned the district attorneyship to become judge and failed at nomination.

Two Virginia corporations domesticated for business and offices in this State today: The Hyde County Land and Lumber Co., (Inc.), of Berryville, Va., capital $100,000, and the Obenshain Construction Company, of Roanoke, Va., capital $60,000 authorized and $7,000 subscribed by S. A. Obershain and others, with principal Carolina office in Durham.

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 13.—Prince Henri XLI, of Reuss, was killed in battle on November 29 on the Russian front, according to the Overseas News Agency. Prince Henri was 24 years of age and a lieutenant in a Prussian cavalry regiment.

NEW YORK CITY TO BE HOST TO COMMERCIAL CONGRESS NEXT YEAR

Will be First Time Southern Organization Has Met in a City Outside the South

FLETCHER AGAIN ELECTED

All Old Officers Re-Elected, With One Exception — Several New Directors Named

FLEET REVIEW BIG EVENT

Secretaries Daniels and Redfield Among Speakers Yesterday

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 13.—The Southern Commercial Congress will hold its 1917 convention in New York City, it was announced tonight, the directors having accepted an invitation presented this morning from the New York Retail Merchants Association and Mayor Mitchel. This will be the first time the congress has met in a city outside of the South.

Officers Elected.

Officers also were elected by the directors tonight, Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida ,again being chosen president. All of the other officers were re-elected except that Leland Hume, of Nashville, was named second vice president to succeed Albert P. Bush, Jr., of Mobile. The office of counselor of the colonization bureau was created and George W. Kolner, agricultural commissioner of Virgina, was selected to fill it.

New Directors Named.

New directors chosen were Governor Henderson, of Alabama; Percy Wall Tampa, Fla.; W. S. Witham, Atlanta; Judge Robert Bingham, Louisville; Dr. Oscar Dowling, Shreveport, La.; W. B. Hurst, Baltimore; Walter Clark, Clarksdale, Miss.; Charles Scott, Jr., Rosedale, Miss.; Benjamin Altheimer, St. Louis; Philip Gadsden, Charleston, S. C.; T. R. Preston, Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. S. Williams, Dallas; J. W. Littleton, Houston; S. T. Morgan, Richmond, Va.; C. A. Northcott, Huntington, W. Va.; W .Clarence Watson, Fairmont, W. Va.

Miss Louise G. Lindsley, of Charleston, was re-elected president-general of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Congress, with Miss Nannie Kensett, of Norfolk, as vice president.

Resolutions opposing an embargo on the exportation of foodstuffs from this country and recommending that the proposed government nitrate plant be erected at Muscle Shoal, Alabama, were adopted by the congress tonight after addresses by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of Commerce Redfield and Hamilton Holt, of New York.

Secretary Daniels said that when the administration's naval program is carried out, the United States will have the second strongest navy in the world. If there is not an agreement among the nations for disarmament after the European war, he asserted the United States has the wealth and the will to build a navy that will protect it from any possible foe.

REVIEW OF THE FLEET WAS IMPORTANT EVENT YESTERDAY

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 13.—The American Navy occupied a prominent place today in the convention of the Southern Commercial Congress. Secretary Daniels and Representative Padgett, chairman of the House committee on Naval Affairs, were among the principal speakers at the two sessions, and this afternoon the Congress with cabinet officials and members of the House Naval committee, reviewed 26 ships of the Atlantic fleet in Hampton Roads. In double column extending from Fortress Monroe to Hampton Bar were dreadnoughts, cruisers, monitors, destroyers, submarines and auxiliaries.

Delegates Aboard Marine Fleet.

Practically every one of the thousand delegates were aboard the marine fleet which, behind the presidential yacht Mayflower, flying Secretary Daniel's flag, steamed by the men-of-war. The review was attended by the booming of many guns, which began when the Secretary of the Navy hoisted his flag on the Mayflower in Norfolk harbor after his arrival from Washington with Secretary of Commerce Redfield, and ended only when the reviewing squadron was stretched away on its return trip here.

Following the Mayflower in the procession were the Isis, of the Department of Commerce fleet, carrying Secretary Redfield, four other ships of that department, several naval tugs and six river steamers loaded with delegates. The full crews of each war vessel manned the rails and were applauded by the visitors, but the cheers and the music of the naval bands were drowned by the nineteen-gun salute to Secretary Daniels fired by each ship in turn as the Mayflower passed.

Representative Padgett, in his address at the morning session of the congress, declared that the mission of the American Navy was to insure the safety and peace of this country and "as far as possible the peace of the world." The administration would have it known to all nations, he said, that the great building policy upon which it had embarked was not for any purpose of aggression but to keep from America's shores an invading enemy.

Discussing international re-construc-

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TEUTONS CONTINUE DRIVE IN RUMANIA

Ninth German Army is Nearing the Important Railway Junction Town of Buzeu

PEACE TALK THE FEATURE

Principal Interest in the War News Is In the Proposal of the Central Powers—No Official Statement From Allies.

The announcement by the Teutonic Allies of their readiness to discuss peace with the Entente Allies continues the absorbing feature in the war news. As yet, however, no announcement has been vouchsafed as to the basis on which they desire to attempt to bring an end to the war. Neither has there come from any of the Entente countries any official announcements as to the attitude they purpose to take with regard to the proposal.

Meantime the conquest of Rumania by the Teutonic Allies continues. All along the front the Rumanians are in retreat northeastward, and the Ninth German army is nearing the important railroad junction town of Buzeu.

In the Carpathians and along the Moldavian frontier the Russians and Germans are still at grips, with the Russians the aggressors at most points. There is little, if any, change in the situation in these regions, however.

Heavy artillery fighting is in progress north of Monastir, Serbia. Otherwise calm prevails. A new feature on the Balkan situation is a report from Sofia that 6,000 Albanians have defeated a force of Italians near Pasnesina, Epirus, the Italians fleeing.

On the front in France and Belgium and in the Russian and Austro-Italian theatres, there is little activity, aside from artillery duels.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT IS REPORTE DTO HAVE RESIGNED

London, Dec. 14.—The Austrian government has resigned. This announcement is made in a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam.

TWENTY MINERS MEET DEATH IN A COAL MINE IN KANSAS

Seven Others Injured in Combination Gas and Powder Explosion

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 13.—Twenty miners were killed and seven injured in an explosion late today in the Reedy and Ryan Coal Mine at Stone City, 15 miles west of here. The injured men will recover, it was believed. A combination of gas and powder explosion is said to nave caused the disaster.

The loss of life today was the greatest with one exception in the history of Kansas coal mining, mine officials said tonight.

PRISON SENTENCE OF GUARDSMAN REMITTED

Gets Dishonorable Discharge for Not Obeying Federal Call

President Approves Action of Court Martial—Decision Recarded As Warning to More Than 10,000 Militiamen.

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson today approved the action of an Army court martial in sentencing Lewis O. Gardner, of the New Mexico militia, to dishonorable discharge and a year in prison at hard labor for failure to obey the Federal call for border duty last June, but remitted the prison sentence because the case had been pressed as a test.

War Department officials regard the decision as important because of the warning it gives to more than 10,000 enrolled members of the National Guard who have not appeared for Federal service.

Army officers say the right of the Federal government to enforce service of National Guardsmen has been well established and a precedent set for the treatment of future "shackers." They claim, however, that the fact that between 10,000 and 15,000 enrolled members of the guard never have been located for Federal service, constitutes a serious impeachment of the whole National Guard system, and expect to have this point fully presented to the military committees of Congress during the present session.

A special report on the mobilization of the guard is now before Secretary Baker but its conclusions have not been made public.

SUN SHINES AGAIN ON WESTERN FRONT

Troops Get Several Hours' Relief From a Week of Dreary, Wet, Wintry Days

AIRMEN MAKE USE OF IT

Winter Fighting Fraught With Manifold Hardships and Calls for Bravery Against the Elements as Well as Bullets.

With the British Army in France, via London, Dec. 13, (From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—Several hours of glorious December sunshine early today brought glad relief from a week of dreary days and sent scores of aeroplanes and observation balloons aloft and quickened the pulse of the entire British army organization on the western front. But before the daylight had ended rain began to fall and there was a somewhat gloomy return to the wintry-weather-beaten warfare.

The winter fighting is fraught with manifold hardships and calls for bravery against unceasing attacks of the elements, the numbing influence of the frost, the bleak blasts of rain-laden winds, the clinginh mud of the shell ploughed battlefields and oftentimes against water-soaked front line trenches. Heavy sheep skin and leather coats and jackets have been issued to the men and warm dry rest billets provided for those in the support reserve positions.

Best of all, however, Tommy in the front line, gets five hot meals daily. There is breakfast at 7, dinner at 12, tea at 5 and soup or stew at 9 and again at 2 o'clock in the morning.

From reports received from German prisoners and observations made during raids the British have discovered that conditions on the German front are very different. Along most of the new lines formed by the battles of the Somme the German front trenches are merely a broken stretch of linked-up shell holes, with no deep dugouts and only a few improvised hiding holes where two or three men can take cover from the shrapnel.

RECORD CRUISE IS MADE BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE

Details Given of Close Escape of U-Boat That Sank the Caledonia.

Berlin, Dec. 13, (via wireless to the Associated Press to Tuckerton, N. J.)—A record achievement is chronicled of a German submarine which has returned to its base after 55 days at sea without entering harbor or receiving outside assistance of any form. The weather generally was bad.

Details of the close escape of the submarine which sank the British steamer Caledonia are also announced. The Caledonia attempted to ram the submarine and so nearly succeeded that the periscope was bent and submarine was forced to remain submerged for an hour until repairs were made.

GOVERNMENT CLOSES CASE IN TRIAL OF T. C. M'COY

Several Witnesses Heard in Behalf of Asheville Man

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 13.—The government closed its case today in the trial of Thomas C. McCoy, of Asheville, N. C., on charges of conspiring to defraud the government in connection with the operation of a distillery here, and the defense immediately began prosentation of testimony. Many witnesses have been summoned by the defense.

Among several witnesses heard for McCoy were H. H. Lewis, collector of internal revenue here, and M. A. Brown his chief deputy, both of whom testified that they had been told by others indicted with McCoy that the latter had no connection with the distillery.

PREMIER BRIAND, REFERRING TO PROPOSAL WARNS FRENCH NATION

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to talk peace unless she merely wants to create in neutrals like the United States the impression that she, in a humanitarian spirit, desires to end the war and that it is only incorrigible, repacious England and her allies that prevent?"

LONDON STILL LOOKS ON PROPOSAL WITH DISFAVOR.

London, Dec. 13.—The German peace proposals made little apparent progress in winning favorable British sentiment during the first 24 hours of the animated discussion on the subject by the public and press. The general trend of this discussion continues highly critical, but there is some indication that the first impulse of irritation will be succeeded by a calmer and more conservative view in some influential political quarters.

The disposition to not hastily refuse to listen to the proposition is reflected in the Westminister Gazette, usually classed as a liberal journal favorable to ex-Premier Asquith, which urges that the German peace move calls for a high degree of British statesmanship and constructive policy.

Meantime no authoritative expression has come from the new government though the press, which usually reflects the views of the leading members, is virtually unanimous against negotiations.

Up to a late hour this evening, the foreign office had not received the German proposals and was unaware whether definite terms had been presented.

GERMANy DEPENDS POLICY IN BELGIUM

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repaired as quickly as possible. For, above all, it shall be insisted that only such persons shall be sen to Germany as receive public assistance and find no work in Belgium or refuse the work offered to them in Germany."

The $10,000.00 Sequel.
To "The Diamond From the Sky." Starts Bijou today.

ARCHDUKE CHARLES STEPHEN TO BE REGENT OF POLAND

Is Selected With the Prospect of Being Elected King Later

Warsaw, Dec 13. (via London)—Archduke Charles Stephen, of Austria, has been selected to be regent of Poland with the prospect of election as king later.

From two of his daughters the archduke derives one qualification for the Polish throne, they having been married to two most prominent members in the Polish aristocracy, Prince Radziwill and Prince Czartoryski. A third daughter also married out of the charmed inner circle of royalty to Lieutenant Von Kloss, a naval officer whom she met at Pola.

Archduke Charles Stephen also has three sons, archdukes. His elder sister is the Queen Mother Maria Christina of Spain. His eldest brother is Archdufie Frederick, commander of the Austrian armies.

Admittedly he is the brainiest and most energetic member of the Hapsburg house, and his youngest brother, Archduke Eugene, commanding on the Italian front, is also extremely popular and highly esteemed among the common people for his ability, democracy and accessibility displayed during his long occupancy of the military post at Innsbruck in the Tyrol.

SINKING OF THE LANAO IS EXPLAINED BY GERMANY

Says Vessel Was Sailing Under British Flag—Crew Was Saved

Washington, Dec. 13.—A note of explanation from Germany in response to the American inquiry concerning the sinking of the steamer Lanao on October 28 reached the State Department today through Charge Grew at Berlin. It says the Lanao was sailing under the British flag and was sunk by a submarine after provision for the safety of her crew, because she was captued carrying contraband and could not be taken into port.

The question at issue is wether the vessel was under American registry, in which case Germany would be liable for damages. It is admitted that she was sold by her owners in Manila before starting on her last voyage, but her master has reported that the actual transfer of registry had not taken place.

HUGHES LED WILSON IN NEW YORK STATE BY 118,630

Official Returns From the Election are Made Public

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 13.—New York state gave Charles E. Hughes a plurality of 118,630 over President Wilson, according to the official returns made public here today, the vote being: Hughes 875,516 Wilson 756,886.

Governor Whitman's plurality over Samuel Seabury, Democratic candidate for governor, was 161,670. Hughes received 29,080 more Republican votes than Whitman, and Wilson received 72,118 more Democratic votes than Seabury. The foregoing do not include the votes of the National Guardsmen on the border.

DELIVERY COST IS EIGHT PER CENT OF RETAIL PRICE

Census Bureau Makes Investigation of High Prices.

Washington, Dec. 13.—An investigation made by the Census Bureau into causes of increased food prices shows that in this city the cost of delivering ice, coal, wood and milk is eight per cent. of the retail price. The cost of delivering about $6,000,000 worth of such commodities, covered by the investigation, was about $500,000.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield, who made public the report today, has recommended a more detailed investigation of this feature in other cities.

COLLEGE BUILDING BURNED

Carson-Newman Loses $60,000 Structure—To Be Replaced

Knoxville Tenn., Dec. 13.—The administration building of Carson-Newman College, at Jefferson City, Tenn., was destroyed today by a fire, supposed to have started from a defective flue. Carson-Newman is a Baptist coeducational institution. The structure was completed in 1893 at a cost of $60,000 and was insured for $23,000. Contents of the building were saved and the college work will not be interrupted. Arrangements are being made to replace the building destroyed.

SNYMAN REPORTED ALIVE

Mexicans Reaching Border Say Englishman Has Not Been Harmed.

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 13.—Mexicans arriving here from the interior of Mexico today said they had passed through San Pablo De Meoqui seven days ago, where they had seen Guillermo Snyman, son of the late Gen. W. D. Snyman, of the Boer army, safe and unharmed.

The report that Snyman, a British subject, had been killed, was received at the border last Friday in the form of a telegram to a relative from one of his friends.

SWISS PAPERS DOUBT THE ALLIES GIVING CONSIDERATION

Geneva, via Paris, Dec. 13—The Swiss government has transmitted Germany's peace proposal note to the Swiss minister at Rome for presentation to the Italian foreign office.

The Swiss newspapers generally believe there is little hope of the proposal being even considered by the Entente Allies. Suiesse, of Geneva, says: "We will be greatly mistaken if the Entente Allies do not only refuse to begin conversations but decline to take notice of the desire of the powers which have everything to gain and nothing to lose by a premature peace. The maneuver seems to have as its object the introduction of discord among the Entente Allies and discontent among their peoples."

CUTTER REACHES NORFOLK WITH THE 14 PASSENGERS

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—The coast guard cutter Yamacraw arrived here early this morning with the 14 passengers from the Powhatan but officers of the cutter were unable to clear up the mystery of the identity of the ship which rammed the Merchants and Miners liner. The four injured men, all negroes, were in the mess room and were hurt by falling beams.

SENATOR SAULSBURY CHOSEN

Will Become President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Senator Willard Saulsbury, of Delaware, was the unanimous choice of the Democratic senate caucus tonight for President pro tempore to succeed the late Senator Clarke, of Arkansas.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES TO BE HELD IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Observation of North Carolina Day Will Probably Be Postponed

Prof. Washington Catlett announced last night that the teachers of the rural schools are making preparations for the holding of appropriate Christmas exercises at the schools on Friday, December 22.

Although North Carolina Day will be observed in most of the public schools of the State on December 20th, Professor Catlett states that the celebration of this day, which will be observed here with appropriate programs will be held in the New Hanover county schools shortly after Christmas, as it would otherwise in a measure overshadow the Christmas tree exercises, which the schools are planning to hold.

The law requires that this day shall be observed, and the State Department of Education has prepared an appropriate program in memory of Archibald DeBow Murphey, the father of the North Carolina public school system.

Professor Catlett has received a bundle of phamplets from State Superintendent Joyner, which have been distributed to the teachers of the rural schools. These booklets certain valuable suggestions to teachers for arranging a program for North Carolina Day. The exercises in the booklets contain extracts from the writings of Mr. Murphey and also what other educators have written about him and his work.

VICTOR HERBERT'S SWEETHEARTS CHARMS WILMINGTON AUDIENCES

Tuneful Operetta Greeted by Small But Enthusiastic Crowds Yesterday.

Tuneful melodies, refined humor and a comely chorus combined to make Victor Herbert's "Sweethearts," the operetta which was presented at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening, a success in the eyes of the small audiences that greeted each performance.

Aside from its romantic plot, the splendid musical programme alone was sufficient to stamp it as a success. The leading characters were masters of their particular lines, and the chorus was as a whole more attractive and youthful appearing than the ordinary musical comedy combination.

Miss Julia Clifford as the "Princess Sylvia" completely captivated the audience with the delightful interpretation of her role. Miss Geraldine Morrelle as "Clairette," also came in for her share of popularity with the Wilmington audience. The comedy roles, especially as presented by Leo Strak as Mikel Mikelovoski, and Horace Sinclair as Hon. Percy Algeron Slingsby, were unusually good.

FURLONG HEARING TONIGHT

Council Will Probe Charges of Alleged Irregularities

A hearing in connection with the alleged irregularities in the signing of the names of two employes in the city street department by Superintendent J. J. Furlong, will be held tonight at 8 o'clock, by members of Council at the city hall. It is alleged that Mr. Furlong signed the names of these men and placed underneath "by J. J. Furlong". It is also alleged that Mr. Furlong has not yet produced the men.

Council decided yesterday morning to employ a stenographer to take dow nall the testimony at the hearing down all the testimony at the hearing to halt proceedings at a similar hearing to send after a stenographer, and for this reason it is thought advisable to have one on hand tonight in order to avoid delay.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Representatives of about 150 Southern railroads attending the meeting of the Short Line Railroad Association of the South here today and planned to present complaints later in testimony before the congressional road investigating committee.

The $10,000.00 Sequel.
To "The Diamond From the Sky." Starts Bijou today.

TO MARKET AMERICAN PITCH PINE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Organization of Foreign Selling Corporation is Discussed

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—Organization of a foreign selling corporation to market American pitch pine abroad was discussed by prominent Southern lumber men here late today at an executive meeting of a special committee of the Southern Pine Association. Many already have agreed to subscribe to a foreign marketing company, which it is proposed shall be organized with a capital of several million dollars and operated under legislation now pending before congress, the purpose of the company being to supply the foreign demand for yellow pine on a large scale.

J. E. Rhodes, secretary of the association, was today authorized to appoint a committee or from six to twelve members to work out the details of the proposed organization and report at a meeting to be called later.

Paris, Dec. 13.—Premier Briand announced to the chamber of deputies today he had decided to ask parliament to enact legislation providing for a further restriction in the consumption of alcoholic beverages throughout France.

VILLA HAS SCHEME TO LOOT AND BURN PROPERTY IN U. S.

(Continued From Page One.)

sion. When he left here Mr. Arredondo was ignorant of the action taken by Carranza, whose reply will be placed before the American commissioners at Philadelphia on Monday.

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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOV. 17TH, 1916.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$5,533,969.76	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at Par)	602,500.00	Surplus and Net Profits	728,923.58
Bank Building	480,000.00	Circulation	543,300.00
Bonds and other Securities	336,600.00	Special Deposit Bonds	15,000.00
Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank	23,675.34	Acceptances	750,000.00
Customers' Liability Acceptances	750,000.00	Deposits	7,510,133.31
Cash and Due by Banks	2,810,611.76		
Total	$10,542,356.80	Total	$10,542,356.80

DEPOSITS:

Nov. 17th, 1914	$4,213,401.77
Nov. 17th, 1915	6,083,763.59
Nov. 17th, 1916	7,510,133.31

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STATE TO LIVE A DAY ON ITS OWN PRODUCTS

Movement Launched for "North Carolina Products Day"

New Bern Chamber of Commerce Proposes That Hotels, Cafes, Homes Shall Observe Day—Col. Bryan is Improving.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 13.—The chamber of commerce of New Bern has inaugurated a movement for a "North Carolina Products Day." It is planned to have this day celebrated simultaneously through the State by dinners at which only products raised in the State will be served. These dinners are to be served by chambers of commerce, boards of trade, hotels, cafes and individual homes.

At the public dinners prominent men will call attention to the importance of producing foodstuffs at home.

The plan will be presented to the annual meeting of the North Carolina Secretaries' Association, to be held at Gastonia, January 23 and 24. Every commercial, civic and agricultural organization in the State will be enlisted in the movement to make North Carolina economically independent.

In advocating the plan, Secretary-Manager Ramspeck, of the New Bern chamber of commerce, calls attention to some uncomfortable facts, which were recently published by the North Carolina Club of the State University. In 1910 the per capita rural wealth in farm properties in the United States was $994, in Iowa $3,886, in North Carolina—only $322, this State ranking 44th. Yet in crop-producing power North Carolina in 1910 stood at $24.84 per acre, compared with $17.01 per acre for Iowa. In 1910 North Carolina's bill for imported feedstuffs was nearly $120,000,000.

It is to reduce this bill for imported feedstuffs that New Bern has started this movement and the co-operation of every organization and individual in the State is asked to make it a success.

Colonel Bryan Improves.

Friends all over the State of Col. Jas. A. Bryan, president of the National Bank of New Bern and former president of the A. & N. C. Railway Company, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy on Sunday night, will be glad to know that his condition is much improved and that the attending physicians hold out hopes for his early recovery.

Colonel Bryan is about seventy-six years of age and his age at first caused his friends to entertain grave fears for his recovery but the physicians say that he has a remarkably strong constitution and they believe that this will pull him through.

$5,000 FIRE AT ROCKINGHAM

Whole Business Block Threatened—Hamlet Department Responds.

(Special Star Telegram).

Rockingham, N. C., Dec. 13.—What promised to be one of the most disastrous fires in Rockingham for years started in the J. G. Hinson block, near the court house, today about 12:45 p. m. The fire is thought to have originated from a defective flue in a press- fire was first discovered. five was first discovered.

A heavy wind prevailed and for some time, despite the splendid work of the firemen, it was thought that the entire block would burn. The Hamlet fire department was called and responded promptly.

The fire was finally controlled. The entire loss is estimated at about $5,000, practically covered by insurance.

MOST OF STUDENTS RETURN.

School Controversy at Goldsboro is Partially Settled.

(Special Star Telegram).

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 13.—The controversy between several members of the senior class of the Goldsboro graded school and the management which resulted in several of the class being expelled from school Tuesday was somewhat modified today and most of the expelled pupils have been allowed to return to their studies following a conference today between the expelled pupils and Superintendent C. V. Neuffer and Principal A. B. Carson. Some of the expelled pupils, however, have refused to return to school.

Don't Be Out-of-Sorts!

Get Your Liver Busy.

(By W. M. Grantier, M. D.)

If your wife tells you that you are "grouchy" and out-of-sorts, be thankful for the suggestion, and set to work to make your liver busy for it is more than likely that its inactivity is at the bottom of your trouble. Don't blame your liver for not doing its work! You have undoubtedly been giving it too much to do. You may have occasional headaches, feel tired, no appetite, and coated tongue, and this condition may lead up to other things. At such times you are the easiest prey for colds, grip, or the disease germs of malaria, typhoid, the deadly phthisis, or the many ills which carry off so many of our citizens.

My advice is, give up tea and coffee. If you must drink something with your meals let it be a cup of hot water. Begin in the morning with a pint of hot water with a half lemon squeezed in it, if possible, and drink it a half hour or less before breakfast.

Take a few minutes of bending exercise and breathing in the morning. Walk in the outdoor air. Occasionally, say, once a week, take a good laxative, one that is entirely vegetable. A good one is that made up of the extract of May-apple, vegetable calomel, and jalap, and can be had at every drug store, for it has been sold for nearly 50 years as Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

If you are occasionally troubled with rheumatic pains or lumbago, pain in the back, toes or muscles of the body, this is due to uric acid stored in the system. The liver and kidneys do not act properly. For such a person, I advise taking Anuric three times daily for a week or two. This Anuric throws out the uric acid which accumulates, and if taken occasionally will prevent or cure rheumatism and gout. There is no difficulty in obtaining Anuric at almost any drug store—the cost is small.

SPORTS

FRITZ HANSON PREPARING FOR HIS MATCH WITH BUMPS TURNER

Local Welterweight Is Keeping in Trim At the Y. M. C. A.

With Fritz Hanson and Bumps Turner as the attractions, local wrestling fans are expecting quite a treat Friday night when they gather at Woolvin Hall for their weekly dose of high class mat strategy. Hanson is the popular local welterweight, and Turner is a shinning light from another section.

This will not be the first meeting between the two, for they clashed at Lumina last summer with the result that Fritz took two falls to Bumps' one after a thrilling struggle. Turner is about 15 pounds heavier than Hanson, and had the advantage of being coached by his brother, the famous Joe Turner.

According to mat gossip from the north, Turner has greatly improved over his last summer's form, and will be in fine shape to give the local boy a tough run for his money. So confident is Brother Joe that Bumps can take Hanson's measure, that he is sending him here to put up a side bet of $100, the winner to take all.

But Hanson, too, is in better shape than ever before and has improved his style of battle to such an extent that he is confident of his ability to repeat his victory. He is keeping in shape at the Y. M. C. A. and will be in fine condition when the referee gives the word Friday night. Gunner McGurley will again be the third man in the ring.

WOULD PREVENT RELEASE OF PLAYERS AFTER AUGUST 1.

National League Magnates Discuss Mr. Baker's Proposal

New York, Dec. 13.—National League Baseball Club owners holding their annual meeting here, spent much of today discussing an amendment to the constitution offered by President Baker, of the Philadelphia Club, which would allow no player to be released after August 1 of each year, unless waivers had been asked of every club in the league.

The object would be to prevent leading clubs from strengthening their teams at the crux of the pennant race but as it was suggested a hardship might be worked on second division clubs a committee was appointed to consider the proposition and report next February. The same committee will report on a recommendation to prevent more than two championship games being played in one day.

VAN BROCKLIN IS ELECTED CAPTAIN A. & M. FOOTBALL

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—Charles E. Van Brocklin, of New York, has been elected captain of the 1917 Tech football team to succeed McDougall, the retiring captain. Van Brocklin is the logical choice, and his election is a popular one, and the followers of the West Raleigh Collegians are looking forward to a successful season under the guidance of the red-topped star.

Next season, Van Brocklin will round out his fourth year as a member of the Tech squad. In 1913, he was quarter-back of the all-South Atlantic Team of that year, and was the snapper back during 1914. After an absence of a year, he returned to college this fall, and was the mainstay of the Aggies in every game played this season.

AMERICAN LEAGUE IS TO HOLD A TWO-DAY MEETING

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Ratification of the sale of the Boston club, curtailment of players' salaries and adoption of legislation providing for punishment of players who permit the use of their names in writing newspaper stories on world series games, are the important questions to be considered at a two-day meeting of the American League which opens here tomorrow.

Economy will be urged by President Johnson, who asserted tonight that the game has been conducted on an extravagant basis and every expense, including salaries, must be curtailed.

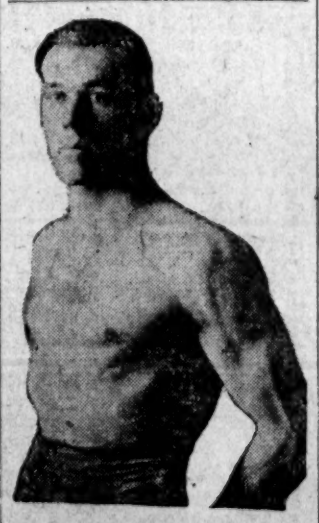
UNION'S TERMS ACCEPTED

More Than 19,000 Clothing Workers Return to Work.

New York, Dec. 13.—Representatives of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, 40,000 of whose members in this city were said to be affected by the strike which began today, announced tonight that 19,500 had returned to work, after settlements had been made with manufacturers at the union's terms, which include an eight-hour day and wage increases of not less than $1.00 a week.

Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Association, said that in some instances manufacturers had granted increase in wages of $2 a week.

A nefectrically operated coffee mill so small and light that the whole outfit could be tucked in an overcoat pocket is used to grind coffee in the home.



Bumps Turner
Clever middleweight wrestler, who will meet Fritz Hanson at Woolvin Hall Friday night.

THEATRICAL

Next to discussions on the war and politics the chief question today is "Have you read 'Seventeen'?" The question refers, of course, to the popular novel by Booth Tarkington, author of the famous "Penrod" stories, which has created such a furore all over the country. If you had not read the story, up to the present time, you were in grave danger of being left out of the conversation, but now the story has been picturized by the Famous Players with Louis Huff and Jack Pickford in the leading roles, and if you go to the Grand today, you will be able to praise "Seventeen" with your friends.

"Seventeen," which was produced under the direction of Robert G. Vignola, marks the return of Jack Pickford to the Paramount Programme as a member of the Famous Players forces after a long absence, his last appearance in the productions of that concern being in "Poor Little Peppina," in which he appeared in support of Mary Pickford. Miss Huff was last seen on the screen in "The Reward of Patience," in which she played the Quaker girl.

"Seventeen" should prove one of the most enjoyable features of the year, and with the added prestige of Booth Tarkington's name as the author, should be witnessed by packed houses all day today at the Grand.

"Diamond Sequel Today.

At the Bijou today the hundreds who were disappointed in not witnessing the great sequel to "The Diamond From the Sky," will have the added pleasure of witnessing it in connection with some other big features on today's bill at the Bijou.

The first great chapter of this stupendous serial super-attraction, takes up the story of "The Diamond From the Sky" where the serial proper left off. It answers those four questions for which ten thousand dollars was offered in the most startling, thrilling and amazing manner ever depicted on the screen, and it has been the unanimous opinion of critics everywhere that the sqiel to "The Diamond from the Sky" possesses more thrills to the reel than any motion picture ever filmed. Starting with a terrible train wreck right at the beginning, there is no let up in the thrilling action for a full half hour of screen drama.

Beautiful Charlotte Burton with handsome William Russell and the original "Diamond" supporting cast enact the scenes of the four two-reel chapters which comprise the story, and have done the best work of their career. And you may find that it was a Wilmingtonian who won the ten thousand. The picture alone will tell!

"The Lost Lode" is a powerful two-reel Universal Bison drama, starring beautiful Edith Johnson, with Ed Hearne, which is also on today's great bill at the Bijou.

"Maid to Order"

A rapid-fire musical comedy, in which novelty dancing numbers are interspersed at frequent intervals as stopping places between laughs, characterizes "Maid to Order" which the Castle Production Company, Inc., will present at the Academy of Music on next Saturday matinee and night. "Maid to Order" contains a real story; a story in which the various musical numbers add to rather than detract from the continuity of the theme.

The scenery plays an important part in the action of the musical comedy; while there are only two scenes, they are exact reproductions of a popular resort in which the atmosphere of the ocean is retained, even to the salt twang of the sea breezes.

The company presenting "Maid to Order" is an exceptional one including among a notable list of comedians, singers and dancers such well known names as Rose Bott, Sallie Stembler, Harry Macdough, Jr., Jack Mac Clellan and the famous Russell Sisters. The musical comedy is staged with a complete production of which there are two elaborate seashore scenes. The matinee prices are 25 cents to any seat in the balcony and 50 cents for any lower floor seat. Children 25 cents for any seat in the theatre. Night prices are from 50 cents to $1. Tickets are now on sale at Elvington's Pharmacy.

LUMBERTON RESIDENCE BURNED

Family Has Narrow Escape From Flames at 2 O'Clock A. M.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 13.—At 2 o'clock this morning a house owned by Mr. McGill, in the eastern part of town, and occupied by the family of Mr. Benjamin Wallace, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., was totally destroyed by fire, the family narrowly escaping. Part of the house was falling in before the fire was discovered by the family, who lost nearly everything. Mr. Wallace's family is composed of himself, wife and two small children. The furniture was insured with Mr. Q. T. Williams.

Few people knew anything about the fire until this morning, as the town has the poorest excuse for giving an alarm that could be inaugurated. The old fire whistle was abused because it generally woke up everybody, while the present "dinky" bell might be used to put people to sleep. Lumberton needs something to wake the people at night when fire breaks out. For the information of some people who did not hear the bell trying to ring, there is not a fire box within several blocks of the fire and when the alarm was 'phoned in the night man went out and rang the bell by rope attached for such emergencies. Of course no location could be given. The fire system is being extended as fast as possible W. S. W.

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MR. F. N. WILSON DEAD

Aged Confederate Soldier Dies at Magnolia—News Notes.

Magnolia, N. C., Dec. 13.—Mr. F. N. Wilson died last night. His death was due to the infirmities of old age. He was a Confederate soldier and lacked just a few days being 75 years old. He leaves several children and many friends to mourn his loss.

The people around here are making preparations for the enjoyment of the holidays. There are evidences on every hand of people preparing an abundance of good things to eat, but the indications are that there will be but very little booze used on this occasion as lots of the old timers say that they would rather not have any than to have only one quart.

PROSPERITY IN FAYETTEVILLE.

Bank Pays 8 Per Cent. Dividend—Increase Deposits 91 Per Cent.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 13. — The Cumberland Savings & Trust Company, of this city, has announced a semi-annual dividend of four per cent., payable on January 15, 1917, to stockholders of record of December 21. This action was taken at a directors' meeting held at the offices of the bank here. As an indication of the piping prosperity of Fayetteville and this section, the deposits of this bank have increased 91.3 per cent. during the past year.

M. R. WILSON CAPTAIN OF PRINCETON VARSITY TEAM

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 13.—Marion R. Wilson, of Binghamton, N. Y., was today elected captain of the Princeton Varsity football team for 1917. Wilson is a junior and plays at end. His brother, Thomas, was all-American guard in 1911, and Alexander, another brother, was captain of the Yale team in 1915.

SUMMONED TO WASHINGTON

Fayetteville Citizens Wanted for Conference at the Capital.

(Special Star Telegram).

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 13.—F. H. Stedman and T. H. Sutton left here tonight for Washington in response to telegrams from Congressman Godwin and N. A. Sinclair summoning them to the capital for a conference, presumably in relation to the armor plate plant. The significance of the call to Washington is not known here.

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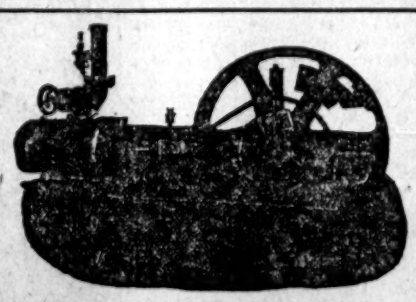

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See Window Display

Today we inaugurate a three-day sale of silk and serge dresses. These are taken entirely from our regular stock, most of which came recently to fill in the gaps caused by the strenuous selling during the earlier fall months, therefore the styles are very new and the materials and colorings are correct. All sizes from 14 to 44 are included. We divided them into five lots for your better and easier choosing.

One lot of fall and winter dresses, values, to $8.50; special for three days at..... $5.75
One lot of fall and winter dresses, values to $16.50; special for three days at..... $8.75
One lot of fall and winter dresses, values to $20.00; special for three days at $15.75
One lot of fall and winter dresses, values to $27.50, special for three days at $18.75
One lot of fall and winter dresses, values to $35.00; special for three days at $23.75

Bon Marche Hats at $1.98

In order to close out certain lines of millinery we have put the price down to the very lowest figure. If you want the maximum of worth and the minimum of price take advantage of this offer of some of the season's best models at an extremely small cost.

One lot of velvet hats, various styles and shapes; specially priced for three days at.. $1.98

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Sale of Winter Suits Continues

We are now closing out all winter suits at very special prices. The assortment is broad enough to please any one who desires a smart new winter costume. The colors include the new brown shades, green, Burgundy, taupe, navy and black in all sizes.

One lot consisting of values to $27.50; special to close at $18.95
One lot consisting of values to $37.50; special to close at $23.75
One lot consisting of values to $50.00; special to close at $33.75

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

God made a star and bade it send Its gleam afar into the night. And at His word, its ray went forth To pour o'er earth a tender light.

God made a man, and gave to him Of all His creatures highest place; Asked of him only love; and bade Him speak to others of His grace.

—M. F. POMEROY.

The South is entirely too far from the feed trough.

Our old friend A. P. Tite wants to know what is the matter with Hannah.

Don't get worried too quick. Wait till you find out that worry is necessary.

About one-third of what most things cost is what their transportation and distribution expense amounts to.

A great many ideals are misconceptions and they rise and fall about as often as the stock markets do.

A visitor says his town in making progress along nearly every line with the exception of enlarging the junk heap with both of its factions.

We need not center our attention and sympathy upon the misery of any one nation in Europe. God knows they all need the commiseration of all humane people.

When some people are trying to get at the bottom of things, others think they are after something else than the bottom. One-half the world does not know what the other half is aiming at, b it thinks it does.

Iowa and Kansas City are making money on livestock, creameries, tanneries and cheese factories, owing to the fact that cotton boll weevils have to stay in the South in order to get what they want to eat.

In a time of great trouble and trial too many people get excited and accuse each other of being the Jonah of the ship. Injustice is done to many a long suffering patriot who becomes the hapless goat of an inexplicable hysteria.

Sixty-seven per cent of the employes in Northern industries are foreigners, so protection for the working man concerns only 33 per cent. of Americans employed in protected industries up there where protection is yelled for.

The North Carolina Legislature has tried many times to settle the fish question and once or twice has "succeeded," but it seems that it simply will not stay "settled." It's been a thorn in the legislative flesh a long time. Too much politics!

An automobilist who shoots around a corner is apt to bring down a bunch of people. However, he is not any more apt to do so than an automobilist who shoots past a street car when it stops to let off its passengers. Motorists ought to pass cars with extreme caution, for the simple reason that somebody at the rear end of a car may step right out in front of an automobile coming at a rapid speed from the opposite direction. This comes within an ace of happening nearly every day. It will happen some of these days.

Now comes the news that President Wilson's cabinet will remain as it is with the possible exception that Attorney General Gregory may resign his portfolio. The only change that has been made in the cabinet for some time was made on paper by the sensational American press. The intense eagerness of certain newspapers to make people sit up and take notice is giving the press such a reputation for unreliability that there is increasing lack of confidence in what the newspapers say. The people have learned to wait till certain publications have their statements "confirmed."

THE NORTH AND SOUTH LINK OF STEEL.

Each recurring year finds the South better equipped with the physical means and the transportation efficiency so necessarily potential in the development of the Nation's Garden Spot. The expenditure of millions for railway preparedness every year is an absolutely assuring augury that there is potential dependence for development at our hand for achievement in making a huge asset of the great resources of the Sunny South. We must keenly appreciate the fact, if we do not already do so, that the constant and steady betterment of the carrying facilities, upon which we must depend, broaden and strengthen and absolutely guarantee not only our community but our individual advantages and opportunities for accomplishing our purposes and attaining the ends at which we aim.

In taking stock of ourselves as 1916 wanes towards the limbo of the past, to be marked for us by Father Time at the witching hour of 12 midnight, January 1, let us enter at the top of the ledger recording our assets the increased carrying facilities which count largest in all that we do and can do for ourselves and the Nation's Garden Spot. Don't let us be unmindful of the big best thing we have to make effort and action worthwhile. Our natural resources are immense and varied, but the moving forces in their development are the transportation facilities which reach North and South and bring back to us the reward of energies wisely and earnestly applied. Indeed, what would the richest spot on earth be worth without the means of getting in close touch with the centers of civilization and the hubs of the Nation's industry, commerce and finance? Well, we might be marooned in the midst of an El Dorado or a Golconda, with gold by the ton and gems by the car load, but if there were no carrying facilities out of the very midst of wealth we could only sit down and figure up the tremendous value that a railroad would be to us as an individual without the opportunity to get somewhere with our treasure.

Down here in the Nation's Garden Spot, in this blessed portion of the Sunny South, we don't have to sit down and wish for the advert of transportation facilities to get us somewhere or to carry somewhere the garnered fruits of our industry in this land of opportunity. Those facilities are here and the capital and the operating genius are augmenting them to the advantage o the fortunate communities and people at whose service they are.

We are in the midst of a vast area of resources—a veritable oasis of opportunity—and we have boundless confidence in them, but the very inspiration of our confidence and the guarantee of our energized plans is the girder of steel rails of a great North and South railway that links us with the 40,000,000 of the American metropolis and the populous region that is her geographical surrounding.

It is a very commonplace thing for us to hang on the wall of The Star sanctum the 1917 calendar of the Atlantic Coast Line, but the mere thing of yellow paper and letters of red and black are not significant of themselves. Its deep significance is the reminder of the proper conceptions we should have of the tremendous advantage that this section has in being traversed and served by "The Standard Railroad of the South"—our splendidly equipped and efficient thoroughfare of travel and commerce, enabling us within a few short hours to reach millions with the wealth of our production and to draw from them the money that makes the mare go at an ever increasing clip down here where the sun is glorious and the earth is generous and versatile beyond comparison with the best portions of earth.

We greet the Atlantic Coast Line calendar not as a convenience but as a genuine booster of the South. It is modest in appearance, but there is a world of meaning it for us who are here by the millions awaiting and inviting other millions to this land of matchless opportunities, the magnitude of which depends upon us who are here and those who are to come as homeseekers to the Nation's Garden Spot. Thousands of these calendars are going to be sent north and to all portions of the world and they can but be an effectual advertisement of this section.

The Atlantic Coast Line is spending great sums of money from its big chest to advertise and promote development of the South, and abroad there are thousands who will learn that the standard railroad of the South is 59 per cent. double-tracked through a region of unlimited adaptabilities and advantages for capitalists and homeseekers. That 59 per cent. of double track thoroughfare between the North and the South is equipped with electric automatic block signals, and all the remainder of the line is safeguarded by an efficient telephone and telegraph system. The scrupulous care of the Atlantic Coast Line for the safety of travelers is indicated by the fact that 96 per cent. of all crossings and junctions are protected by modern interlocking safety plants. One hundred per cent of all draw bridges are modern steel and concrete structures, and a heavy-railed, splendid ballasted and efficiently maintained track entitled it to be ranked as the standard railroad of the South.

Along with all this there are the modern facilities providing for passenger and freight traffic, based upon high class equipment, physical efficiency of trackage and the ablest of railway management.

This means something to the South, and the fact that the Nation's Garden Spot possesses such railroad advantages is striking evidence of Southern progress on a scale steadily approaching the 100 per cent. mark.

PREPARING THE WAY FOR LIVESTOCK.

The North Carolina Experiment Station is keenly alive to the necessary steps to be taken towards a successful livestock industry in North Carolina. Appreciating the evident disposition of the people to give increased attention to livestock, the Experiment Station is endeavoring to reach the farmers with information that will enable them to realize the necessary preliminaries to assured success. The value of cattle and hog raising is recognized by both the experts and the farmers, but the practical end of it has to be understood, and with that end in view, Mr. L. I. Case, office of Beef Cattle and Sheep Investigations, has addressed a vitally pertinent circular to the farmers. Reminding them of the present high prices of feedstuffs supplied to the South by the North and West, he urges upon North Carolina farmers the necessity of raising more roughage and cheap feed for the maintenance of their cattle. He says in his circular:

"As you know, the basis of profitable beef production is pasture. 'The grazing season is long,' is a much repeated statement in considering the advantages of the growing of beef cattle in the South, and very true; but we have all depended too liargely on our natural advantages and neglected giving nature any assistance.

"I believe you will agree with me when I say that with only a small outlay you can at least double the grazing capacity of your pasture. If you have a large proportion of very rough mountain land it will pay you to plan for winter grazing as it has been demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt on the farm of T. L. Gwyn, Springdale, N. C., that mature cattle, steers especially, will do well grazing the year round without any supplementary feed or shelter.

"As a winter supplement for pasture nothing makes as good a substitute as corn silage. At one time it was thought that the silo had no place except on the dairy farm. This has long since ceased to be the general opinion and today it is an exception rather than the rule to find a man trying to winter beef cattle without silage.

"During the past year many cattle men in the State have built silos of various types and many more are planning on building the coming year. If you are interested it would be well for you to ask your Farm Demonstration Agent to write to this office for literature and assistance in building or other information relative to pastures for beef cattle growing."

What Mr. Case says applies to Eastern North Carolina as well as to Western North Carolina. There does not seem to be, as there should be, the warrantably comprehensive and complete appreciation of the capabilities of Eastern North Carolina for the production of forage and pasture crops. Eastern Carolina can not only supply her own needs in that respect but can profitably supply Western North Carolina all the forages for which the piedmont and mountain sections are not adaptable. Of the production of forage and pasture crops in Eastern North Carolina there is no limit, as the fine display of forage exhibits made by Capt. E. D. Williams at the recent Corn Show in Wilmington amply showed. On his place, "The Maples," near this city, he grew the astonishing number of 34 different forage crops, any two or three of which would make a farm absolutely independent of the West or Canada or the North.

Not enough attention was paid to the Williams exhibit but it was there with the goods. During the fair season in the North and West last fall, the Atlantic Coast Line's exhibit car carried Captain Williams' marvelous exhibit into at least a dozen states. That exhibit is kept intact by the Industrial and Immigration Department of the Atlantic Coast Line, and it is a pity that the whole exhibit of that company could not be arranged as a permanent and conspicuous display in the city of Wilmington. That is a matter that could be easily arranged by co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce and the railroad people.

The Experiment Station is urging farmers by circular letters to give attention to roughage, pasturage and silo propositions, when there is right here in Wilmington an object lesson that needs only to be seen. On a small place of sixteen acres for all kinds of crops, Captain Williams during the past season, not only raised roughage enough for four horses or mules and several cows, but he has sold his surplus forage at a profit this fall. While all of us are preaching and circularizing and theorizing Captain Williams has shown those "From Missouri."

We wish everybody in North Carolina would get impressed by it as we have been, for then they would appreciate the adaptabilities of this section for forage and pasturage crops. Only the intelligent use of the silo is needed to make Eastern North Carolina's feed efficiency completely ideal. In this connection, there is all sorts of misunderstanding about the claim that the advantage here for livestock is that "the grazing season is long".

Well, that is a vital advantage, but it does not mean that the season is long for natural grazing or range production for the care of hogs and cattle. It means that the season is long for the production of all the pasturagge and forage crops needed both summer and winter. When our people realize the truth of this fact they will no longer misunderstand what is meant by the claim that "the grazing season is long." It is so "long close around Wilmington that those who have planted pasture crops have grazing on cover crops that are several inches high right here in midwinter. Those who neglect such crops have no grazing for their stock, but they can have all they want at the very least expense.

SPECULATORS TAKE TO COVER

The peace proposals of Germany, announced from Berlin on Tuesday, created tumultuous excitement on the stock markets and exchanges of this country. There was such an avalanche of selling on the New York stock market that the bulk of stocks thrown on the market could not be handled. Those who had bought stocks on a gamble unloaded as fast as they could. The stocks of certain industries which had made huge profits on war orders took a big tumble. Some industries during the past two years have earned such tremendous dividends that their stock rose during the war out of all proportion to their normal value.

Of course, people who paid war prices for such stocks are bound to lose money on them as soon as they dwindle in value to their normal worth. Men who really are on the ground floor will lose nothing, but the losers will be those who bet their money on stocks that depended upon war or peace for their real value.

Because of the peace prospects, cotton took a leap upward, while wheat took a tumble. Speculation had been holding up the price of wheat and foodstuffs but the prospect that Germany, Austria and Russia would soon be in the market for cotton caused the price of the staple to go up. Recently cotton futures took a slump because of the government's final cotton production report, but the south's spot markets refused to yield. They held up prices and it was the South's ability to refuse to sell that again caused cotton to rise some $2 or more a bale.

The first signs of peace indicate that legitimate business will be helped by peace, while speculative business will have to stand all sorts of chances to lose.

PEACE PROPOSALS

(Written for The Star).

Peace in all her effulgent hues
Gives promise of men's belated dues—
The Kaiser sits a Jove relent
And hopes for a world penitent.

2.

Neutrals in strenuous wild acclaim
Forget at once all crime and blame—
Think only of base dollars made,
And rush the last cent to save.

3.

The Allies with wills re-strung
Proclaim the fight just begun—
Till French and Belgian rights are mended,
The war they say will not be ended.

4.

The War Lord who scourges mankind
Will have no peace after his mind—
The die is cast, the word gone out,
The war will end with the Kaiser's rout.

5.

Peace on ante bellum status
Finds favor only with the fatuous—
The status can never be replete
Unless the crime is expiate.

—ANON.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The sending of an invitation to Governor Craig to come and be its guest was not a very diplomatic move on the part of Cuba, in connection with the fact that, extending this invitation in one hand, Cuba held behind its back in the other hand a suit that might mean a $20,000,000 debt for North Carolina to assume. Accepting the entertainment of the Republic of Cuba, Governor Craig would have placed himself in a friendly attitude, and one which might have had an important bearing on the fortunes of the action Cuba would bring against the State. The governor's expressed resentment was but natural, and some of his friends down this way are of the opinion that he kept his language pretty well toned down.—Charlotte Observer.

A news item from Lumberton reads to the effect that Isham Lytic shot Tobe Oliver and it is thought Tobe will die. The men were said to have been drinking and gambling. And we read so many of these things in North Carolina papers—items similar so far as the sooting and the gambling and the drinking are concerned. And when we go out to some wet state—California, for instance, we are asked how it is possible for so many homicides, the result of drinking, in a prohibition State, where we claim prohibition is a success. And we try to explain about the moonshine likker—but those who listen will not believe. And the moonshiper multiplies and the officers are unable to catch him. But even with all this the licensed bar room is not in evidence and the boys now growing into men may not crave the moonshine poison. That is where prohibition makes itself worth while.—Greensboro Record.

Dullness of wit and lack of appreciation of the proper courtesies of life are not expected to agree with the position taken by Governor Craig in declining to accept an invitation to join a party of other governors in a visit to Cuba as the guest of that country. Having been invited by the Cuban-American Society of Washington to spend several days this winter in Cuba, Governor Craig in declining the invitation gives his reasons, and they will be approved by all who would have this State maintain a position of self-respect before the world. With circumstances as they are Governor Craig did the only thing that any man worthy of being governor of the State should have done in declining to be a guest of the Republic of Cuba. This State, by the vote of its people, has repudiated the issue of bonds placed upon it by carpet-baggers and a government not representative of the people, not given power by the people. Cuba is now making the attempt to secure standing in the United States Supreme court in the bringing of a suit against this State for the payment of the bonds, without having, so far as the matter is known, investigated the question of the legality and the honesty of the bonds. And at this juncture Governor Craig receives an invitation to join with governors of other states in a visit to Cuba, which will be at the expense of the Cuban Republic. Governor Craig takes the right position that the man at the head of the government of a state cannot afford either for himself or for his state to accept courtesies from any government bringing suit against that state. Of course, there are those who cannot appreciate the course taken by the governor, for they fail to see the nice points at issue in the relationship of men and states, but the people at large will applaud Governor Craig for standing erect as the representative of the State of North Carolina.—Raleigh News and Observer.

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THE CITY WILL IMPROVE PARK AND PLAYGROUND

Council Considered Plans at Regular Weekly Meeting.

Chairman of Tree and Park Commission Outlines Steps for Improvement—Councilman Jones Explains Sewage Disposal

No politics were injected into the regular weekly meeting of City Council yesterday and the City Fathers were free to give consideration to such peaceful matters as the planting of trees and shrubbery at the Robert Strange playground and the improvement of the park at Greenfield lake, in the southern part of the city.

Mr. John J. Blair, chairman of the Tree and Park Commission, submitted specifications for the planting of trees at the playground at a cost of $235.70 and Mr. J. F. Gause, the architect, presented a plan for the improvement of Greenfield park. Councilman Bradshaw and City Engineer David Struthers were authorized to go ahead with the work, if there is nothing in the way. The last budget provides for the expenditure of $1,000 during the work for parks and playgrounds.

Councilman Bradshaw was asked to confer with Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer, relative to the disposal of night soil.

Mr. C. C. Chadbourn was before the last meeting of Council to pretest vigorously against the dumping of the soil in the Cape Fear river, south of the city, declaring that he intended to take drastic action, if something isn't done soon. Dr. Nesbitt has repeatedly called attention to the fact that the present method constitutes a nuisance. Council wants to do something and is open for suggestions.

To Plant Palmetto Trees

Chairman Blair, of the Tree and Park Commission, suggested the planting of palmetto trees on the plaza on Market street between Third and Fourth and of olive shrubs at the base of the George Davis monuments. Council authorized the Commission to go ahead with this work, the cost of which it is estimated will be about $30. It is probable that palmetto trees will be planted in the vicinity of the city hall also.

Chairman Blair stated that after investigation he had found that trees and shrubbery could be purchased cheaper from the Wilmington nurseries than from those out of the city. He suggested the planting of 1,400 Amoor river privets, 25 red cedars, 42 oak trees, 27 pecans, 30 crepe myrtles, 30 yaupon trees, 24 Japanese trees, 54 yuccas, 30 cherry trees, 36 Tamarix and 60 long leaved pines at the Robert Strange playground, stating that the entire cost would be $235.70, which would include the upkeep for the ensuing year.

Chairman Blair called attention to the recommendation made by the Civic committee of the Chamber of Commerce last summer that Greenfield park be improved. Mr. J. F. Gause had very kindly offered at that time to make plans for this work, free of charge to the city, and he did so yesterday.

Improvement at Greenfield

For the improvement of the park it was suggested that a bridge, six feet wide of cypress logs with rustle effect be constructed at the terminus of Fourth street and in a line with the same across the lagoon which intersects the street.

It is also recommended that all undergrowth be removed around the edges of the lagoons and the lake and that all logs removed be placed at the disposal of Associated Charities.

It is recommended further that the entire area be grubbed over and the stumps and brush removed and a clearing made so as to show a continuous view. It is suggested that the present equipment consist of two shelters of rustic construction conveniently located and that the natural beauty be preserved, so far as possible. Rules and regulations are to be posted forbidding the removal of pine straw, starting of fires, cutting of timber and other forms of vandalism.

Councilman Merritt suggested that a committee go before the Board of County Commissioners and ask them to assist in this work, stating that he understood that this board had offered at one time to furnish labor for this improvement, if the city would co-operate. On motion of Councilman McCaig the matter was left in the hands of Councilman Bradshaw and the city engineer.

Councilman Jones, in charge of the water and sewerage department, explained that the overflow of sewage in the northeastern section of the city, about which Mr. Will Rehder had complained, had occurred only twice during the past year. This was due to the fact that one large pump is used now which makes it impossible to continue the operation of the sewer when it breaks down, he explained. Formerly two small pumps were used but these proved inadequate. The stopping of the big pump for repairs on two occasions was responsible for the overflow, he stated.

He also called attention to a sewage leakage on Meares street between Front and Second, owing to the improper laying of a sewer pipe.

Councilman Jones also called attention to the fact that the finance committee has never acted on the request of the Wilmington Light Infantry that free water and sewerage be provided for the armory.

MOVIE MEN TO MEET

Tar Heel Exhibitors Will Gather In Charlotte Next Week

Mr. P. W. Wells, of this city, is to respond to the address of welcome that will be delivered by Mayor T. L. Kirkpatrick at the convention of the North Carolina Motion Picture Exhibitors Association, which convenes at the Selwyn Hotel in Charlotte Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

An attractive programme has been arranged, and a number of persons, who are notable in the film world, will be in attendance. Among these will be Rose Tapley, Mabel Trunnelle and Herbert Prior, representing the actors, and William A. Brady, Frank H. Rambusch, and Stephen Bush, representing the magnates, Mr. D. M. Bain, of this city, is on the membership committee.

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MR. PUTNAM SPEAKS TONIGHT

Superintendent of North Carolina Children's Society Will Deliver Lecture at Court House.

Mr. L. H. Putnam, superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Society, will speak at the court house at 8 o'clock tonight on the subject of "Conservation of Childhood." He will be introduced by Mr. Odis B. Hinnant, city boys' work secretary for Wilmington. There will be no charge for admission, and a large crowd is expected to attend.

The North Carolina Children's Society is doing what is recognized as a great work for the destitute and dependent children of the State, and those interested in this branch of social service work should not miss this opportunity to hear Mr. Putnam. He is an eloquent and forceful speaker, and is a man of long experience in work among children.

Mr. Putnam is appearing in Wilmington through the efforts of a number of local organizations that are interested in the work of child welfare. It is believed that by bringing to the city a man of reputation and ability that a greater interest may be aroused in this movement.

Mr. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, is president of the society and Governor Locke Craig is a member of the board of trustees. Col. Walker Taylor and Mr. I. W. Solomon, of Wilmington, are also among the members of this board. The institution's primary aim is to care for the homeless and dependent children in North Carolina.

In the course of his address Mr. Putnam will tell just what the society is doing for the children of the State, entrusted to his care, and all interested in the work should not fail to hear the distinguished speaker.

QUESTION OF PARTNERSHIP NOW BEING TRIED IN COURT

Armour Co. Contends J. H. Stone Was Partner in Tidewater Grocery Co.

Whether or not Mr. R. R. Stone, of this city, is a partner is the issue involved in the case of Armour & Company against the Tidewater Grocery Company, of Wilmington, which is being tried in Superior court. The plaintiff in the action alleges that Mr. Stone was a partner while Mr. J. H. Stone, of the Tidewater Grocery, and Mr. R. R. Stone as defendants in the action contend that the latter was not. An indebtedness of about $800 is admitted by both sides to the case.

The trial was taken up about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was still in progress when court adjourned at 5 Ruark, Esq., appears for Mr. J. H. Stone and McClammy & Burgwin represent Mr. R. R. Stone while J. O. Carr, Esq., is the attorney for the Armour Company.

Judge Connor ordered a non-suit in the ejectment suit brought by James Brook against Katie Brooks, involving the title to a lot on Walnut street valued at about $350. The non-suit was made following the completion of the evidence by the plaintiff in the action and the latter then asked for an appeal to the Supreme court. Brooke Emple, Esq., appeared for the plaintiff and John D. Bellamy & Son for the defendant.

A mistrial resulted in the case of the Branch Saw Company against J. N. Bryant in which the plaintiff sought to recover $144 for a saw which was shipped to the defendant. Mr. Bryant contended that the saw did not come up to specifications and sent it back to the company. The jury was out nearly all the morning with with the case.

Judgment for $1,270 with interest from June 1, 1913, was given in the case of the Vermont Marble Company against the Meiers Marble & Granite Company. The case of W. B. Cooper against J. R. Hardie was continued and a non-suit was ordered in the case of E. L. Dagenhart against the Western Union Telegraph Co., as the plaintiff failed to answer when called. Plaintiff was given 30 days to file amended complaint in the case of J. Allan Taylor against J. C. Williams, et al. Judgment was granted in the cases of Boney & Harper, Worth Company, James I. Metts and J. H. Watters against E. F. Peschau, et al.

FUNERAL OF MR. HULL

Remains Were Taken to Savannah, Ga., Yesterday Afternoon for Interment

Funeral services for Mr. William Gladden Hull, who died at his residence No. 13 North Sixth street, shortly before 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, were conducted from the home at 2:45 yesterday afternoon, by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. The body was taken on the 3:30 Atlantic Coast Line train to Savannah, Ga., where the interment will be made.

As a mark of respect for the deceased the office of the auditor of freight receipts of the Atlantic Coast Line, where Mr. Hull was formerly employed, was closed, and all of his associates attended the funeral. Four of them Messrs. McB. Wilson, J. H. Womble, A. V. Lafiteau, and E. L. Watkins accompanied the remains to Savannah. The musical selections were rendered by Mrs. George S. Boylan, and Mr. Murphy. The following acted as pallbearers, Messrs. K. W. Price, B. H. Houston, M. C. Kreeger, A. V. Lafiteau, J. R. Smith, McB. Wilson.

DEATH OF MRS. SWINDELL

Aged Brunswick Woman Passed Away at Winnabow Tuesday.

Mrs. M. A. Swindell, an aged woman of Brunswick county, passed away at her home at Winnabow Tuesday after an illness of several months. She was 68 years of age and is survived by her husband, one brother and several children. Interment was made yesterday afternoon at Lebanon Baptist church.

Report of Associated Charities.

The report of the secretary of the Associated Charities for the month of November was issued yesterday and is as follows: Receipts—New Hanover county $200; A Friend $2; Mr. Clayton Giles $5; A Friend $25; Mrs. W—— $2; Miss Lucile Murchison $8; Miss Jennie Murchison $4. Disbursements—Secretary's salary $33.33; Catherine Kennedy Home $12.50; groceries $147.50; rent for those in need $25; cash help $3; janitor $1.20; telephone $2.83; wood $12.50; gas for office $1.75; railroad fares $4.

UNANIMOUS DESIRE FOR BETTER TRAIN SERVICE

Retail Merchants Want Old Service Restored On Seaboard

Position of Traffic Committee of Chamber of Commerce Will be Explained at Meeting of Chamber This Afternoon.

While there is a unanimous desire on the part of Wilmington business men for a better passenger train service on the Seaboard Air Line, there is a difference of opinion as to the schedules wanted. The Traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Cape Fear Council of the U. C. T. have gone or record as favoring two additional trains, one leaving in the morning about 8 o'clock and the other arriving in the afternoon about 5 o'clock, while a petition is being circulated among the retail merchants asking for the restoration of the old schedule providing for the arrival of a train from Hamlet about 10 A. M. and leaving in the afternoon about 5 P. M.

The Rotary Club wrestled with the problem Tuesday and yesterday, first giving its endorsement to the proposition advanced by the Chamber of Commerce. However, upon recepit of later information, leading them to believe, they stated, that the old schedules could be restored, the executive and special traffic committees of the Rotary Club after a meeting yesterday afternoon decided to endorse this proposition rather than the former one.

Mr. Taylor to Explain.

Mr. J. Allan Taylor, chairman of the Traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce, will make a complete explanation of what has been done by the Chamber in getting an improved train service out of Wilmington during the last nine years, and also the present position of the Traffic committee. It is especially urged that all retail merchants and the allied interests be on hand this afternoon at the monthly meeting which will be held at 4 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber, in order that they may secure a proper understanding of what is proposed to be done and why it is being done.

Those advocating the placing of the two additional trains on the schedules recommended, in the event that they were put on, state very positively that their position is simply to secure the best train service possible for Wilmington. They have no axe to grind, they declare, further than to advance Wilmington's interests.

Mr. J. G. McCormick, who will represent the Traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce at a conference to be held in Charlotte tomorrow, will leave for that city this afternoon. Mr. McCormick has worked zealously for the improvement of the train service on this road and had much to do with the placing of the additional trains on this line in 1913, which were continued in operation for about nine months and were discontinued only because it was stated that they did not pay.

Merchants Not Antagonistic.

Mr. A. M. Hall, president of the Retail Merchants' Association, stated last night that the petition, which is being circulated by this organization, asking that their interests be considered and that instead of putting on another morning train from Wilmington and a night train into Wilmington that the old schedule of 1914 be restored, is not designed to antagonize the interests of others.

Speaking of the proposed trains last night, Mr. J. G. McCormick said that until eight years ago the morning train, instead of arriving at 12:30 as now, came in at from 1:20 to 1:40 P. M. and instead of leaving at from 2:55 to 3:20 P. M., it now leaves at 3:45 P. M. thus giving additional time for shoppers in the city. Later the Traffic committee succeeded in getting sleeping cars on trains 19 and 20 through the assistance of towns between here and Charlotte and also a parlor car service on trains 13 and 14 throughout the year instead of during the summer as formerly.

Vice President Chas. R. Capps agreed to put on trains 23 and 24 between Hamlet and Wilmington for a year, leaving the former place at 6 A. M. and arriving here at 10 P. M., and leaving in the afternoon from 5 to 5:35 o'clock, said Mr. McCormick, and the trains were put on with the understanding that if they did not earn during the next 12 months what is considered a minimum mile earning that they were to be withdrawn.

Old Trains Did Not Pay.

The trains were established on November 30, 1913, and in the spring of 1914 Mr. Capps sought to have them withdrawn, stating that they were not making the minimum earnings agreed upon and during the summer he made a similar request, but the Traffic committee of the Chamber insisted on the maintenance of the same schedules on the terms agreed upon, but in the fall of that year the Corporation Commission on the showing made allowed the trains to be taken off, it being shown that they earned less than half of the minimum earning per train mile for the entire time of operation.

The Traffic committee approved the proposed schedules, said Mr. McCormick, now under consideration because they had the endorsement of every town between Wilmington and Charlotte and nearly all between Charlotte and Rutherfordton. It is felt that the additional train service as proposed would be an advantage to Wilmington and while the committee realized that it did not meet fully the requirements as to Wilmington, thought that it would make the other trains more dependable than they are now and would give the people more time in Wilmington. A complete record of all passenger trains to Wilmington from October 21 to November, inclusive, shows that train 14, due at 12:30 P. M., was late 25 times out of 31 days.

Chairman Taylor will go into these matters thoroughly and will explain fully the purpose of the committee and will show that it is the desire to get the most possible out of the conference at Charlotte for Wilmington. If the concerted movement now on for the establishment of the proposed service does not succeed, the traffic committee will submit immediately another proposition as to the Seaboard Air Line for other train service which should help Wilmington's needs and its adjacent territory.

Chairman Taylor feels that under existing conditions any opposition to the Charlotte conference would be unwise and would set back any improve-

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ADJ. YATES MAKES APPEAL

Local Head of Salvation Army Asks Public for Generous Response to Christmas Fund for Poor

According to Adjutant Jas. Yates, of the local Salvation Army corps, this organization will not be able to carry out its liberal programme in the distribution of Christmas baskets to the poor of the city and the holding of a Christmas tree for the children of families who are unable to provide Yuletide cheer for them, unless the public makes more liberal response to the appeals which have been made for donations.

In order to give the general public an opportunity to contribute to the fund which will enable the local Salvation Army to be Santa Claus to the poor, a "pot" was placed early yesterday morning at Front and Princess streets, and the receipts in nickels and dimes placed in it by the passers-by aggregated $7.07 for the day.

Adjutant Yates stated last night that the Army here will send out 100 baskets containing food enough for families of five —a chicken, potatoes, a pound of coffee, a pound of rice, a pound of sugar, a can of tomatoes, a can of soup, grits, a mince pie and a loaf of bread. It is usual to distribute these baskets on Christmas Eve, but as it falls on Sunday, the baskets will be sent out on Saturday.

The baskets will cost the organization $2 each, thus bringing the total outlay for this feature alone up to $200.

The Christmas tree for the children will be held on Tuesday night, December 26th. Owing to the increased prices, the toys, candy and fruit for the distribution from the tree will also cost more.

IN RECORDER'S COURT.

War is Again Waged Against Vagrants. Negro Convicted in Juvenile Court.

Recorder George Harriss continued his war on vagrants yesterday morning, when he handed Sarah Gause and Catherine Fowler, two ladies of leisure from darktown, their passports to the county farm for a period of 30 days each. Catherine was later released, however, on account of her delicate condition.

Ed Weber was so unfortunate as to have to listen while Solicitor Burton read two indictments against him, the first charging him with carrying concealed weapons and the second alleging that he had assaulted one of his comrades with this self same weapon. Recorder Harriss decided that if such a "tank" as this was allowed to meander at large during the holidays without giving him some admonition, he would cause somebody to miss having a merry Christmas, so the Recorder confiscated his arsenal, and taxed him with $20 and the costs for the second offense and gathered in the costs for the first.

Seymour Vann, a colored youngster, answered present at the juvenile court, for shooting fireworks within the city limits. He was paroled in the custody of Elijah M. Green, for a period of six months. Green, who is a highly respected colored citizen, has not been permanently appointed as a probation officer, but has been selected for this particular case. It is understood that a permanent colored officer may be appointed by the Recorder later.

COTTON 17 1-2 AND NOMINAL

Local Chamber Fails to Quote—Wilmington Wire Quotation Off.

While no price for cotton has been quoted by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce since Monday, when the official quotation was 18 1-8, the spot price at this port is quoted in the "Port Movement" table on the market page of The Star this morning at 17 1-2. In the report furnished daily by the Chamber of Commerce cotton is put down as "nominal." No price for Wilmington was quoted in the "Port Movement" table yesterday morning.

This "Port Movement" report is furnished The Star by wire each night from New Orleans by the Associated Press, which presumably secures the figures from the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, whose representative in Wilmington furnishes the figures from this port each day by wire.

The quotation for Wilmington yesterday was the same as that from Norfolk, 17 1-2 cents, while the Charleston quotation, it will be noted, was 19 1-2 cents, exactly two cents a pound or approximately $10 a bale higher than the Wilmington and Norfolk quotation. Savannah quoted 19 3-4 cents, or 2 1-4 above Wilmington and Norfolk. Until recently the local Chamber of Commerce based its quotation upon Charleston and Savannah, quoting the low figure of these two ports, but recently the policy was adopted of including Norfolk and using the lowest quotation of the three ports for the local quotation.

COLORED CITIZENS TO MEET

Requested to Assemble on Water Street at 3:30 This Afternoon.

The following colored physicians, ministers and business men have been requested to attend a meeting at the offices of T. A. Smith on Water street between Greece and Walnut at 3:30 this afternoon, at which, it is said, important business is to be transacted: Rev. McKnight Billips, Dr. A. J. Wilson, W. H. Moore, J. A. Bonner, A. H. Pavis, L. D. Carnes, W. H. Capehart, Rhoe, Timberlawe, O'Donner, Price, Miller, White, Bailock, Hill, Green, Barnett, Kennedy, Roberson, J. E. Taylor, Drs. Avant, Kay, Chestnut, Austin, J. W. Neil, C. M. Martin, R. H. White, J. E. Howard, R. D. Dew, James H. Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Julius Murray and all other leading colored citizens.

Real Estate Transfers

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: Thomas P. Noe, to John R. Hanby, for $100 and other considerations, lot on the Wrightsville Beach Extension; L. W. Moore and wife to George S. Browne and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot at Carolina Place; L. W. Moore and wife to Joe L. Canady and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot at Carolina Place.

Postal Is Wanted

Lumberton Robesonian: "Mr. Frank Gough spent Friday in Wilmington conferring with authorities of the Postal Telegraph Co., in regard to that company's opening up an office in Lumberton. Mr. Gough says he was assured that the Postal people are anxious and willing to open an office here if the people will support it. Mr. Gough assurred them that the people would support it, and no doubt the office will be opened."

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FUNERAL OF MR. MINTZ

Remains of Wilmington Man Who Died at Raleigh Interred at Bellevue.

Funeral services over the remains of Mr. T. W. Mintz, who died in a hospital at Raleigh Monday night, were conducted from Immanuel Presbyterian church in this city at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. S. Crowley, assisted by Rev. Thomas P. Allen, pastor of Immanuel church. Interment was made at Bellevue cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers. Messrs. D. H. Williams, H. E. Walton, S. A. Matthews, Edward Register, Leon Long, W. J. Bradshaw. Members of the local lodge of the J. O. U. A. M., of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body.

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December Clearance of Smart Coats and Suits Continues

And soon the choicest will all be gone. Do not delay longer if you expect to possess one of these beautiful Coats, Suits or Dresses for the very moderate price we are now asking:

Ladies' $10.00 Serge Coat Suits Velour trimmed, @ $6.95

Ladies' $15.00 all Wool Poplin Suits, fur trimmed @ $9.95

Ladies' $20.00 Poplin and Gabardine Suits, satin lined $13.75

Ladies' $25.00 Broadcloth, Gabardine and Poplin Suits, satin lined, plain or velvet trimmed, @ $16.95

$27.50 Broadcloth and Velour Suits, all the latest models @ $18.50

Ladies' $35.00 Broadcloth and Velvet Suits, all the latest models @ $23.50

Ladies' $45.00 Broadcloth and Velour Suits, all the latest models @ $29.95

Ladies' $55.00 Broadcloth and Velour Suits, all the latest models @ $35.00

Ladies' $6.00 and $6.50 Long Coats, plain and mixed colors, at $4.98

Ladies' $10.00 Fancy Plain Coats, all the new wide models, @ $8.95

Ladies' $12.50 Coats, all colors and sizes @ $10.50

Ladies' $15.00 Coats, all colors and sizes @ $12.50

Ladies' $20.00 Coats, all colors and sizes @ $16.95

Ladies' $25.00 Coats, all colors and sizes @ $21.50

Thursday Morning Special

Men's 75c Four-in-Hand Ties, in Christmas Boxes; Morning Price ..... 50¢

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL

Miss Mabel Ryan left yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla., where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

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The second day's sale of Red Cross seals at the postoffice yesterday aggregated 475. Mrs. William C. Munds will be the chaperone today.

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The bazaar of St. Cecilia's Guild will be continued through tomorrow morning at Nos. 6 and 8 North Front street, it was announced last night.

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The members of the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. will meet this morning at 10 o'clock at the association building, according to announcement.

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The Literature Department of North Carolina Sorosis will hold its regular meeting for the month this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the club rooms on North Third street.

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Mrs. S. K. Allen and son, Mr. H. S. Allen, of Bolton, and Misses Gladys Mitchell and Grace Pridgen, of New Bern, arrived in the city yesterday by automobile from Bolton.

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The Ladies' Society of Bethany Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All ladies of the neighborhood are invited to attend.

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Miss Mamie Fennell has returned from the National School of Domestic Art and Science, Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fennell, on Market street.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hellen, who have been the guests of Mr. Hellen's mother, Mrs. Sarah Hellen, left yesterday for their home in Wilmington. They recently returned from a wedding trip to Florida."

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The Ladies Society of Winter Park Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the pastor's study in the church. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Scott, of Norfolk, Va., are visiting Mrs. Scott's mother, S. M. Murphy, No. 6 Wrightsville avenue. Mr. Scot twill return to Norfolk today but Mrs. Scott will remain here until after Christmas.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mrs. Preston Bridgers returned to her home in Wilmington after visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Burke Haywood, on New Bern avenue. She came here to attend the funeral of her brother, the late A. W. Haywood.

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The Young Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's Episcopal church will serve hot chocolate and tea today and tomorrow from 2 to 12 and from 3 to 6 o'clock in the building next door to the Royal theatre. Fancy articles will also be offered for sale. The public is invited to attend.

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A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mrs. S. J. Brady, No. 512 Wooster street, at 8 o'clock last night, when Mrs. Annie Lou Peterson became the bride of Mr. John H. Hunter. Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, officiated. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties and a few friends were present. There were no attendants.

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There will be a very interesting play given tonight at 8:30 at the Boys' Brigade Armory, under the auspices of the "Kocnonians" of Grace Methodist churc Sunday school, entitled "A Sugragette Town Meeting". It is a laugh from one end to the other, in which the men and women will all be interested, especially as local talent will be used. An admission of 10 cents will be charged, and tickets may be obtained at the door.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Lillian Emerson, a little North Carolina girl, who has danced before king and queen, emperor and empress, although she is but nine years old, is to be the chief attraction at an entertainment, dance and supper here Friday, December 15, for the benefit of the fund being raised to prevent the spread of tuberculosis among the soldiers of France. The Emerson child is a grand-daughter of Captain A. H. Slocumb, of Fayetteville. Her mother, before her marriage to Mr. Emerson, was Miss Lillian Slocumb, one of the most attractive young women of the Cape Fear section."

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BLUE RIDGE CLUB TO HAVE SALE OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Blue Ridge Club of the Y. W. C. A. will have on sale in the living room of the association building, beginning Friday, attractive articles, consisting of home-made brass and Japanese novelties. Included are a number of brass candlesticks, book racks, tea candles, brass flower baskets, Christmas favors, calendars, vanity bags, jardaniers, jewelry boxes and many other desirable Christmas gifts. These should help to solve many of the perplexing problems of securing useful and attractive gifts at a moderate cost.

TELLS THE STORY OF THE RISE OF THE DODGE BROS.

Mr. George H. Phelps, Advertising Director, Guest at Luncheon.

Plain, old fashioned honesty is the biggest asset that any business can have, according to Mr. Geo. H. Phelps, director of advertising for Dodge Bros., manufacturers of the automobile that bears that name. Mr. Phelps was the guest at a luncheon given at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday by Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., local representative for Dodge Bros.

Mr. Phelps, who is making a tour of the South for the purpose of better acquainting himself with business conditions in the automobile line, talked informally to those present concerning the outlook for the Dodge car in particular and of the automobile industry in general. He told the automobile dealers that they ought to sell cars every day in the year, for an automobile is now recognized as a necessity.

The story of John and Horace Dodge, sons of a sturdy New England machinist, who followed in their father's footsteps, was told by Mr. Phelps, who explained that every step in the career of the two men had been based upon merit as a basis for patronage. It was in Windsor, Ontario, that they built up a machine repairing business, but 17 years ago moved to Detroit, Mich. Their combined capital at that time was $1,200 but they soon began to do an extensive business manufacturing parts for automobiles for one Henry Ford.

Twenty-three months ago they put the first Dodge car on the market and since that time have placed in the hands of purchasers 110,000 machines. They now employ 12,000 men in their plant in Detroit and turn out daily 350 cars.

These and many other interesting facts were told by Mr. Phelps in the forceful English that characterizes the modern advertising man, who understands thoroughly the art of saying well what he wants to say. Mr. Phelps left yesterday afternoon for Columbia, S. C., but Mr. E. Menderson, salesman for the Dodge car in Philadelphia, Pa., who was also a guest at the luncheon, will remain in the city for several days.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Suit for divorce on statutory grounds was instituted yesterday by Winnie Bowman, colored, against her husband, John Bowman. L. Clayton Grant, Esq., represent sthe plaintiff.

—The fire department was called out shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon to extinguish a small blaze in the residence of Rob McNeill, colored, at No. 1205 1-2 North Fourth street. Little damage was done.

—Robert James, a member of the Junior class at the High School, sustained a broken arm when he collided with another boy while playing ball on the school campus yesterday. He was carried to his home, where he received medical attention.

—Mayor P. Q. Moore has received from one of his admiring friends on the Mexican border the left hind foot of a jack rabbit. This is sent with the best wishes of the season and the hope that Mayor Moore may run as well in the forthcoming municipal campaign as the proverbial jack rabbit can sprint over western plains.

—Rev. J. S. Crowley will conduct special Christmas services at the New Hope Presbyterian church, near Winnabow, next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday morning at the same church, Mr. Crowley will conduct a communion service at 11 o'clock. It is especially desired that as many as can do so attend these services.

—Friends in this city of Mr. Samuel M. Burke, city editor of the Chester, (Pa.,) Morning Republican, have received a programme of the annual banquet and frolic of the Pen and Pencil Club, which shows that the organization of the scribes and other newspaper luminaries of that progressive town recently enjoyed a blow-out which would make a resident of the eyes of a "two-quart-a-month" Tar Heel penwielder turn green with envy. Mr. Burke who was one of the speakers at the banquet, is well known in Wilmington and visited relatives here last fall.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. W. H. Rivenbark and his young son, of Wallace, were visitors in the city yesterday.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: P. S. Wilson, Raleigh; T. E. Wallace, Kenansville; W. H. Williams, Warsaw; S. E. Stevens Concord; Harry Lansten, Franklin.

—Among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday were: O. Landis, Raleigh; J. H. Clark, Elizabethtown; W. T. O'Berry, Elizabethtown; R. E. L. Brown, Chadbourn; Ray Henderson, Jacksonville.

—Mr. R. E. L. Brown, of Chadbourn, was a business visitor in the city yesterday and last night. Mr. Brown says the people of his section are very much gratified over the decision of the Atlantic Coast Line to restore the double daily service on the Conway branch.

—Mr. John Thompson, who is connected with the government work on the upper Cape Fear river, arrived on the early morning train this morning en route to Southport in response to a telegram announcing the critical illness of his brother, Capt. T. M. Thompson, former mayor of Southport and one of the leading citizens of that place. Friends of the family hope that they may have more encouraging news from the sick man today.

TWO TAR HEELS ELECTED.

Southern Surgical Society to Meet Next at St. Augustine, Fla.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Dec. 13.—Dr. William D. Haggard, of Nashville, Tenn., was elected president of the Southern Surgical & Gynecological Society at its closing session here today. The 1917 convention will be held in St. Augustine, Fla. Other officers elected were:

Vice Presidents, Dr. J. Ernest Stokes, Salisbury, N. C., and Dr. Francis R. Hagner, Washington; secretary, Dr. Hubert A. Royster, Raleigh, N. C.; treasurer, Dr. LeGrand Guerry, Columbia, S. C.

Wireless messages have been received with a detector made of the lead of a broken pencil and two safety razor blames.

HOLIDAY RUSH STARTS AT LOCAL POSTOFFICE

Nearly 500 Parcels Delivered in a Day by Wagons

Head of Local Office Draws Up A List of Practical Suggestions for Patrons to Observe in Mailing Christmas Gifts

The Christmas rush has already begun at the Wilmington postoffice, according to Postmaster H. McL. Green, who stated yesterday that on the first day of the present week the delivery wagons alone distributed nearly 500 parcel-post packages, not counting the smaller parcels delivered by the 19 carriers.

The crowd in the lobby of the postoffice is swelled by new accessions daily, and the prospects are that the rush this year will far exceed anything experienced at the local office in past years. Plans for handling the extra business are practically completed, and will include the establishment of three sub-stations and the putting on of extra wagons within the next two or three days.

Suggestions for Mailing

In order that the system of handling the increased business during the holidays, Postmaster Green has drawn up suggestions for patrons of the local office which they are asked to observe in preparing Christmas gifts for transmission by mail, which read as follows:

1. Prepay postage fully on all parcels.
2. Address parcels fully and plainly.
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Both Christmas and New Years are holidays and occur on Monday, therefore, it is kindly suggested patrons complete their mailing of parcels, holiday cards, letters and gifts preceding the end of the week before the holidays so as to give the postoffice ample time to make prompt deliveries.

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WILL PROVIDE CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE VETERANS

Public Spirited Men Start Movement to Raise Fund for This Purpose

A Christmas dinner for every Confederate veteran and the widows of veterans in Wilmington will be provided by public spirited citizens for those that may be in needy circumstances. Already about $30 has been subscribed for this worthy purpose but as there not less than 100 of these who have little of this world's goods in Wilmington, it will be necessary to have considerable more money.

A basket of good things to eat will be sent on Christmas day to every Confederate veteran, who would otherwise have to go without a Christmas dinner. Gen. James I. Metts, State commander of the North Carolina division and also of Cape Fear Camp, will have charge of the handling of the fund and will have the assistance of a committee composed of Messrs. T. E. Cooper and D. J. Fergus, Col. Walker Taylor and Maj. W. N. Harriss. This committee has issued the following appeal to the public:

"As the Christmas time approaches, a season of proverbial good cheer and plenty, our minds and hearts go out to the less fortunate, and especially to those who have served their country unselfishly and without hope of reward. There is in our midst more than one hundred Confederate veterans and the widows of Confederate Veterans who by reason of advanced years are in more or less needy circumstances, and it is proposed to provide these worthy people with a Christmas basket as a token of our respect and esteem.

"Gen. Jas. I. Metts will be requested to act as chairman of a committee to handle the fund and to make an equitable distribution of the benefit. Those desiring to avail themselves of this privilege will kindly hand their contributions to one of the following gentlemen.

"James I. Metts, T. E. Cooper, Walker Taylor, D. J. Fergus, W. N. Harriss.

Captain Eglin is Transferred.

Under the head of "Army Orders," the Washington Post received here yesterday says: "Capt. Henry W. T. Eglin, coast artillery corps, stationed at Fort Caswell, relieved from his present assignment, will upon being relieved by another officer, report to coast defenses at Baltimore for duty."

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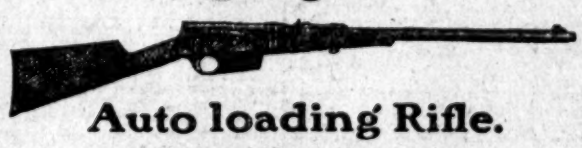

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON AGAIN GOES DOWN

Market Nervous Over Uncertainty of Peace Prospects—Loss of 42 to 50 Points—Spot 18.35.

New York, Dec. 13.—Uncertainty as to peace prospects caused great nervousness and violent fluctuations in the cotton market here today. Reports that German proposals were unacceptable to the Allies were followed by heavy liquidation, with much of the cotton bought yesterday thrown back on the market, and May sold off to 18.32 or more than $3 per bale under yesterday's close. Rallies followed with the close steady at a net loss of 42 t 50 points for the day.

The market opened easy at a decline of 17 to 24 points and after some little irregularity, broke very sharply under heavy Liverpool selling and liquidation. A slight bulge followed the close abroad, but liquidation became more active and January sold off to 17.90, March to 18.13 and July to 18.36 during the early afternoon, or 42 to 46 points net lower. Rallies of about 20 points occurred late in the afternoon on trade buying and covering. Private cables said that while no definite information was available, there was little hope in Liverpool that German overtures would lead to an early peace. Southern spot advices indicated continued firmness in the tendency.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	....	18.30	17.90	18.00
Jan.	18.40	18.40	17.90	18.05
March	18.55	18.63	18.13	18.32
May	18.76	18.83	18.33	18.52
July	18.79	18.84	18.36	18.54
Oct.	16.90	16.92	16.54	16.60

Spot quiet; middling uplands 18.35; sales 600 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 18.00; receipts 7,922; exports 4,286; sales 785; stock 468,143.

Galveston—Middling 18.50; receipts 13,115; exports 5,025; sales 800; stock 437,496.

Mobile—Middling 18.00; receipts 68; stock 13,385.

Savannah—Middling 19.75; receipts 4,540; stock 225,384.

Charleston—Middling 19.50; receipts 307; stock 78,285.

Wilmington—Middling 17½; receipts 141; stock 47,777.

Texas City—Receipts 6,500.

Norfolk—Middling 17.50; receipts 2,240; sales 123; stock 114,946.

Baltimore—Stock 5,415.

Boston—Middling 18.35; receipts 857; stock 8,300.

Philadelphia—Middling 18.95; receipts 208; stock 909.

New York—Middling 18.35; receipts 50; exports 2,640; stock 145,790.

Minor Ports—Receipts 5,078; exports 5,078; stock 47,796.

Atlanta (semi-weekly)—Stock 85,267.

Total today—Receipts 41,026; exports 17,569; stock 1,590,626.

Total for week—Receipts 154,576; exports 110,272.

Total for season—Receipts 4,481,983; exports 2,728,743.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 18.00; receipts 3,942; shipments 9,832; sales 3,055; stock 231,856.

Memphis—Middling 19.75; receipts 6,771; shipments 4,635; sales 50; stock 288,020.

Augusta—Middling 18.38; receipts 1,355; shipments 908; sales 184; stock 148,314.

St. Louis—Receipts 1,007; shipments 545; stock 30,512.

Cincinnati—Receipts 817; shipments 1,912; stock 24,049.

Little Rock—Middling 19.88; receipts 342; shipments 815; sales 815; stock 55,729.

Dallas—Middling 17.55; sales 939.

Montgomery—Middling 18.75.

Total today—Receipts 18,234; shipments 18,647; stock 838,480.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 13.—Spot cotton steadier; good middling 11.23; middling 11.13; low middling 10.97. Sales 8,000 bales; 800 for speculation and export; receipts 18,100 bales.

Futures irregular and unsettled. Close: December 10.70; December and January 10.70; January and February 10.74; February and March 10.80; March and April 10.89; April and May 10.95; May and June 11.00; June and July 10.99; July and August 10.97; August and September 10.67; September and October 10.25; October and November 10.10; November and December 10.02.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 13.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4¼. Sterling, 60 day bills 4.71½; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71¼; commercial 60 day bills 4.71; demand 4.75½; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 76; Mexican dollars 58¾; government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular. Time loans strong; 60 and 90 days 4¼ to 4¾; six months 4¼ to 4½. Call money easier; ruling rate 4½.

NEW YOR KDRY GOODS.

New York, Dec. 13.—Cotton goods and yarns were quiet today. Worsted yarns were quiet and firm. Knit goods were steady and hosiery inquiries were higher. Carpets and rugs advanced.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Market Weak and Is Featured by Wide Breaks—Loss of 42 to 50 Points.

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—Considerable weakness and wide breaks featured the local cotton market today, prices falling 49 to 71 points under yesterday's close under selling stimulated by a very poor Liverpool market and the prediction in private cable messages from English cotton brokers that Germany's peace proposals would be rejected. Much of the cotton bought on yesterday's spectacular rise was re-sold today. In the afternoon the tone was steadier on profit-taking and reports of strong markets in the western belt. The close was steady at a net loss of 42 to 50 points.

The market opened at the decline and remained down all day. Prices were lowest in the early trading but after noon there was less selling pressure. Closing bid:

Dec. 18.51; Jan. 17.51; March 17.82; May 18.08; July 18.26; Oct. 16.27. Spot quiet and unchanged. Sales on the spot 85 bales; to arrive 700 bales; middling 18.00.

WHEAT MODERATELY HIGHER

Nervousness Which Resulted From Possibility of Peace in Europe Is Greatly Diminished.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Notwithstanding that much nervousness was shown in the wheat market today the excitement and activity resulting from the chances of peace were greatly diminished and prices averaged moderately higher owing to the unfavorable reception given in London and Paris to the German proposal. Quotations closed firm at 1.67½ to 1.67⅝ for may and 1.43¾ to 1.43⅞ for July, with the market as a whole ranging from the same as yesterday's finish to 2¼ higher. Corn gained 1⅝ to 1½ and oats ⅜ to ½c. The result in provisions varied from 20c decline to a rise of a shade.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.67½; July 1.43¾.

Corn—May 91¼; July 91.

Oats—May 53⅝; July 50¾.

Pork—January 26.70; May 26.17.

Lard—January 16.02; May 16.02.

Ribs—January 13.35; May 14.20.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red nominal; No. 3 red 1.60½ to 1.61; No. 2 hard and No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 3 yellow 90 to 91; No. 4 yellow 87½ to 89½; No. 4 white 88½.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,233 tons, Hellasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,873 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 13.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51c.

ROSIN—$5.70 and $5.45.

TAR—$2.60-10½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00 and $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 51¾c; rosin, $5.70 and $5.45; tar, $2.30-9c; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine	11
Rosin	87
Tar	209
Crude Turpentine	33

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 1 cask; rosin, 5 barrels; tar, 286 barrels; crude turpentine, 28 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal; quotation same day last year, 11¼c.

Receipts—140 bales; same day last year, 486 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 70,475 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 131,903 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 13, 1916.

Atlantic oCast Line—140 bales cotton; 2 barrels rosin; 179 barrels tar; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

River—30 barrels tar; 23 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. J. W. Lathrop—1 casks spirits turpentine; 85 barrels rosin.

Total—140 bales cotton; 11 casks spirits turpentine; 87 barrels rosin; 209 barrels tar; 33 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 13.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, grogs, 2 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound, good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 13.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Flummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 13.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, steady. New stock, $1.35 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market firm.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 13.—Cotton seed oil declined 23 to 30 points under scattered liquidation on the break in cotton and lard, but later rallied somewhat on short covering. Final prices were 14 to 18 points net lower. Sales 44,300 barrels.

Market closed: December 12.35 to 12.50; January 12.25 to 12.26; February 12.18 to 12.21; March 12.14 to 12.16; April 12.15 to 12.25; May 12.20 to 12.25; June 12.20 to 12.30; July 12.25 to 12.35.

The $10,000.00 Sequel.

To "The Diamond From the Sky." Starts Bijou today.

STOCKS MAKE RECOVERIES

Professional Traders Believe No Change Will Result From Peace Movement—Munitions Gain.

New York, Dec. 13.—Belief by professional traders that no immediate change in technical conditions would result from the Teutonic peace proposals was productive of irregular but substantial recoveries in the stock market today, the movement being helped by a demand for rails. Advances of about two points were made in Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, New York Central, Reading and Norfolk & Western and as much more in low priced shares like Rock Island, Southern Railway and Western Maryland. The Erie, Missouri Pacifics and other minor rails made gains scarcely less substantial.

Munitions and equipment issues, which suffered severe impairment in the preceding session, made recoveries from two to almost five points, with similar advances in Coppers, Sugars, Petroleums and Central Leather.

Shipping shares were irregular at the outset because of pressure against Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies, but that stock later made an extreme gain of more than three points, as did also the Mercantile Marines and United Fruit.

United States Steel rose and fell within a narrow range during the forenoon, but later advanced two points to 120 1-4, with only a slight reversal at the end. Lackawanna and Crucible Steels, Gulf States Steel and Republic Iron were variably higher but Bethlehem Steel closed at a net loss of nine points after having shown an extreme decline of 14 points.

Dealings in unclassified shares were comparatively light but almost wholly at gains, with pronounced advances in international paper, Harvester, American Woolen and Pittsburg coal.

International bonds held their recoveries of the previous day but domestic issues were irregular. Total sales, par value $4,460,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEWY ORK STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers	31
American Beet Sugar	101½
American Can	56⅜
American Car & Foundry	72⅛
American Cotton Oil	51½
American Locomotive	87⅜
American Smelting	110½
American Sugar	113⅞
American Tel. & Tel.	126
American Tobacco	217
American Zinc	52⅝
Anaconda Copper	91⅝
Atchison	104⅜
Atlantic Coast Line	119½
Baldwin Locomotive	75
Baltimore & Ohio	85
Bethlehem Steel	590
Canadian Pacific	166½
Central Leather	105
Chesapeake & Ohio	65½
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	92½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	39
Colorado Fuel & Iron	51¼
Consolidated Gas	134
Corn Products	25
Crucible Steel	77½
Cuba Cane Sugar	58⅜
Erie	36⅜
General Electric	176½
Great Northern pfd	116⅞
Great Northern Or eCtfs	41⅜
Goodrich	69⅝
Illinois Central	105¼
Inspiration Copper	64
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	114½
International Nickel	45⅝
International Paper	57
Kansas City Southern	26¼
Kennecott Copper	52⅜
Lehigh Valley	80⅝
Louisville & Nashville	131
Liggett & Myers	356
Lorillard Co.	227
Maxwell Motors	66⅛
Mexican Petroleum	104
National Lead	64
New York Central	106⅛
N. Y., N. H. &Ha rtford	54
Norfolk & Western	136¾
Northern Pacific	110¼
Pennsylvania	56⅛
Ray Consolidated Copper	30⅜
Reading	107⅞
Republic Iron & Steel	84¼
Seaboard Air Line	16½
Seaboard Air Line pfd	38½
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	72
Studebaker Corporation	118¾
Southern Pacific	98⅛
Southern Railway	32
Southern Railway pfd	69¼
Tennessee Copper	23½
Texas Company	199½
Union Pacific	146¾
United Fruit	158
United States Rubmer	66¾
United States Steel	119¾
United States Steel pfd	121¼
Utah Copper	116¾
Virginia, Caro. Chem.	46⅝
Wabash pfd "B"	30½
Western Union	102⅞
Westinghouse Electric	58¼
Missouri Pacific	35

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK

New York, Dec. 13.—Heeves, strong; steers 7.00 to 10.75; cows 3.65 to 6.60; Ohio 7.60; bulls 4.50 to 7.25; choice to extra fed 7.50 to 8.25.

Calves—Firm; veals 10.00 to 15.00; culls 8.00 to 9.50; barn yard calves 6.00 to 7.00; yearlings 4.50 to 5.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Firm; sheep 5.50 to 8.50; culls 3.50 to 5.00; lambs 11.50 to 14.00; culls 9.00 to 11.00.

Hogs—Firm; light to heavy 9.50 to 10.20; rough 8.75.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Hogs, steady, 5 to 10 points under yesterday's average; bulk 9.50 to 9.90; light 9.90 to 9.75; mixed 9.30 to 10.10; heavy 9.45 to 10.10; rough 9.45 to 9.60; pigs 7.00 to 8.75.

Cattle—Unsettled; native beef cattle 6.90 to 12.60; western steers 6.90 to 10.40; stockers 4.50 to 7.75; cows and heifers 3.75 to 10.10; calves 9.25 to 12.50.

Sheep—Strong; wethers 8.75 to 9.75; ewes 5.50 to 9.25; lambs 10.75 to 13.25.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 13.—Raw sugar dull; centrifugal 5.51; molasses 4.64; refined easy.

Coffee—Spot dull; Rio 7s, 9¼; Santos 4s, 10¾.

More than one thusand electric ranges were sold to th ehousekeepers in staid old Boston, Mass., during the year ended October 31st.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 14, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperaturea t 8 A. M., 33 degrees; at 8 P. M. 48 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum 32 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month to date, .70 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 3.6 feet.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Thursday, colder except extreme west portion; Friday fair, continued cold.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 14, 1916.

Sun rises	7:10 A. M.
Sun sets	5:04 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	12:26	12:56	7:51	8:33
Southport	10:45	11:04	4:45	5:24
Masonboro Inlet	10:34	10:53	4:25	5:04

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 13, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	54	24	.0
Asheville	clear	40	18	.0
Atlanta	clear	56	30	.0
Augusta	clear	54	32	.0
Baltimore	cldy	40	..	.08
Birmingham	clear	50	32	.0
Boston	clear	34	26	.0
Charleston	clear	54	34	.0
Charlotte	clear	46	28	.0
Chicago	clear	32	16	.04
Galveston	cldy	62	52	.0
Jaxville	clear	60	36	.0
Memphis	clear	30	30	.0
Mobile	clear	56	40	.0
Montgomery	clear	54	34	.0
N. Orleans	clear	58	42	.0
New York	clear	34	26	.0
Oklahoma	cldy	28	18	.0
Palestine	rain	58	34	.0
Pittsburg	snow	30	22	.01
Raleigh	clear	46	26	.0
Savannah	clear	56	34	.0
Shreveport	clear	54	32	.0
St. Louis	pt cldy	20	8	.0
Washington	cldy	42	26	.0

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 13.—Turpentine firm, 53¼; sales 78; receipts 136; shipments 140; stock 28,199.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,499; receipts 1,253; shipments 655; stock 97,054. Quote: A B C D E, 6.20; F, 6.25; G H I, 6.30; K, 6.40 to 6.45; M, 6.55; N, 6.90; WG, 7.05; WW, 7.25.

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 56 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‖Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	19:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:26 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
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5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE — This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

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ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:
No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.
No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.
For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.
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Read Star Business Locals.

URGENT REQUEST IS MADE TO PUBLISHERS

To Take Part Friday in Meeting on Newsprint Situation.

Trade Commission Issues Statement Asking Newspaper Men to Either Attend or Wire Others to Act For Them.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Newspaper publishers were urged in a statement by the Federal Trade Commission today to be present or to telegraph authority for others now here to act for them at the meeting to be held in Washington Friday to consider the proposed plan for relief of the newsprint paper situation, which ras resulted in high prices driving many small newspapers out of business. All of those interested in paper production are urged in the statement to attend a conference on the same subject to be held in New York Friday by the manufacturers.

The commission's statement said prospects for success of the proposed plan for relief by distribution of paper tocks under supervision of the commission depends in a large measure on full representation at the meetings.

Publishers delegated by many newspaper owners and associations to act for them include:

H. B. Varner, chairman of the printing committee of the North Carolina Press Association.

George E. Hoasmer, of Denver, chairman executive committee of the National Editorial Association.

Courtland Smith, of New York, president American Press Association.

Frank Glass, of Alabama, vice-president American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Senator W. G. Harding, representing the Ohio Associated Dailies.

Representative L. S. Cramton, representing the Michigan Press.

G. W. Marble, representing the Kansas Daily League.

H. C. Blanton, president Missouri Press Association.

Robert Ewing, of the New Orleans States.

Ernest G. Smith, chairman of committee of the Consolidated Pennsylvania Newspaper Associations.

Representative Clyde Tavenner, of Illinois Press Association.

NEW YORK CITY TO BE HOST TO COMMERCIAL CONGRESS NEXT YEAR

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tion, Mr. Padgett asserted that after the war nations must be builded along different lines and for more altruistic and human relationships between themselves so that no one of them may plunge the world into war. He predicted that there would be sharp readjustments of financial relations, of manufacturing in its every phase, of agriculture, of social conditions and of international relationships. In that connection he said that no man should under-estimate the effect upon this country of commercial, industrial and maritime agreements entered into by the groups of belligerents in Europe and that America should be prepared for the trade war that would come with peace.

Trade Advantage After War

Secretary Redfield, speaking before the convention tonight, said the United States would enter competition for world trade after the war with every advantage, for the end of hostilities would bring demands upon this country for foodstuffs of many kinds, for agricultural machinery, for lumber in many forms and for loans and investments.

UNITED STATES TO HAVE ADVANTAGE WHEN WAR ENDS

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 13.—The United States will enter competition for the world trade after the war with every advantage, said Secretary of Commerce Redfield, speaking today before the Southern Commercial Congress.

"There is the best reason for knowing that in at least four important respects the end of the war will mean calls on us for supplies which now we are prevented from furnishing", said Mr. Redfield. "These demands will be for foodstuffs of many kinds, for agricultural machinery, for lumber in many forms and for credits in the way of loans and investments."

America's advantage will lie, said the secretary, in the fact that her adjustments from war to peace conditions will not be so severe as in the fighting countries.

"It is reasonable to suppose that foreign industries as a whole," he said, "will have to make a sharper readjustment of product from war goods to peace goods than is to be the case with us. Consider what a manufacturer in one of the Central Powers would face if he undertook to make up goods for stock today on any considerable scale for an export market. He would manufacture at high rates under war conditions, with higher than normal costs, with some of his trained supervising and working staff in the armies, and with every material enhanced in price, perhaps with some supply cut off.

"This man must pile up goods so made at a time when credit is costly and taxes are advancing for a sale at a future time which may be distant and in markets whose current movements he may not know and ond of whose future conditions no one can tell him. He may not be able to say whether styles, designs, colors and dimensions and other elements of the goods he makes will suit when the unknown day shall arrive when he can offer them for sale. Nor will he know whether in the interval industries shall arrive when he can offer them for sale. Nor will he know whether in the interval industries shall not have sprung up in the place where he would sell, that will make the vending of his product there impossible.

"For a manufacturer under conditions of this kind to pile up goods would be almost an act of industrial insanity and certainly not one whose existence on any considerable scale should be thought a dangerous threat."

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OPINIONS IN EIGHT CASES FILED BY SUPREME COURT

Conviction in Noted Buncombe Blackmail Case Confirmed.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—Eight appeals were decided today by the Supreme Court in its weekly delivery of opinions. Especially notable was State vs Edgar Frady, which came up from Buncombe, the conviction and sentence in the lower court being affirmed by the Supreme Court.

This is the noted blackmail case in which Frady and two accomplices, Martin Brickman and Myrtle Pressley, were accused of sending letters to D. P. Lance, a merchant of Ayden, in effort to frighten him into paying large sums of money. In the trial below the girl was acquitted and the jury could not agree as to Brickman. They convicted Frady and he was sentenced to two years on the roads. This conviction and sentence is affirmed, the court holding that there was no merit in any of the grounds of appeal.

D. P. Lance received letters demanding that he leave large sums of money, as much as $400 at a time, in the road between Ayden and Cavalry church at specified times. His having ignored the first demand brought the burning of his warehouse and a second note referring to his former refusal and the fire as indicating that the blackmailers meant business.

Other appeals decided in the batch of opinions delivered this afternoon follow:

Barber vs Perry, Guilford, remanded; Bailey vs Long, Burke, reversed; Tyler vs Hayes, Avery, affirmed; Bank vs Loven, Aver, affirmed; Bailey vs Bailey, McDowell, reversed; Ingram vs Johnson, Burke, affirmed; Bell-Thrash Company vs McCormick, Burke, no error.

CANADIAN TORPEDO BOAT AND ALL ABOARD BELIEVED LOST

Seas Have Been Thoroughly Searched and No Trace of Vessel Found.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—The entire crew of the Canadian torpedo boat Grilse, consisting of 44 men and a boy, are believed to have been lost through the sinking of the vessel in the gale which swept this coast last night.

The Grilse, which was formerly the yacht Winchester, owned in New York, was the fastest boat of the Canadian patrol fleet. She left here for Bermuda Monday afternoon and 28 hours later radio messages brought word that she had been disabled by the storm and was in need of immediately assistance. This was followed in a few minutes by a message from the Grilse saying "now sinking." Since then no word of her has been received, although vessels dispatched to the rescue have thoroughly searched the sea.

The minister of naval service announced tonight that he feared the Grilse had been lost with all hands. The position of the torpedo boat when last heard from was seven miles off Little Hope light on the southern share of Nova Scotia.

FOOD AND COAL DEALERS OF CLEVELAND INDICTED

Federal Grand Jurors Named to Consider the Indictments.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13—Federal grand jurors have been called to consider indictments against Cleveland food and coal dealers for violation of the anti-trust law. The grand jury investigation, the first in the country outside of New York, will begin next Monday morning, according to an announcement made today by United States District Attorney Wertz at the close of an all day conference with George W. Anderson, special assistant to the Attorney General.

This will be the first gun fired by the Federal government in the Middle West against the high cost of living. It came within a few hours after the arrival in Cleveland of Anderson, who stopped here first in his tour of cities included in the scope of the special food investigation ordered by President Wilson.

Twenty-five witnesses were subpoenaed tonight for the inaugural of the grand jury investigation, which is likely to last two weeks. They include food dealers of various classes, cold storage men, coal dealers and representatives of railroads involved in the recent coal famine.

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS WERE SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

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investigated, one with the loss of six American lives and two others having to do with American ships. The American attitude was described as uncompromising. Ships must not be sunk without warning or without provision for the safety of passengers facing high seas or distant from shore.

The relations with the Entente Allies were said to be less clear cut and less dangerous but perhaps more nagging, the questions with the Entente involving the blockade, the censorship of mails and "the blacklist."

UNANIMOUS DESIRE FOR BETTER TRAIN SERVICE

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ment of the service for an indefinite period of time. He will go into the matter in detail an dit is desired that all interested be present.

Petition of Merchants.

In this connection it should be stated that the petition which is being circulated among the retail merchants of the city, who are vitally interested in the proposed additional train service, is not designed to be antagonistic but simply to show their position in the matter. This paper, signed by a large number of merchants, will be sent to Charlotte this afternoon. The petition is as follows:

"Mr. Chas. R. Capps, Vice President; Mr. C. S. Lake, General Manager, Seaboard Air Line Railway, Charlotte, N. C.

"Gentlemen:—The Retail Merchants of Wilmington respectfully request that their interests be considered in the proposed additional train service on your line between Wilmington and Charlotte.

"We do not wish to antagonize the interests of others and do not feel that we are doing so when we ask that instead of putting on another morning train from Wilmington and night train into Wilmington, you restore the old schedule which was in operation until the fall of 1914; thereby giving parties living along your line an opportunity to do their shopping in Wilmington during the hours when stores are open and return to their homes the same night.

"The other proposed schedule would positively prohibit this."

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WANTED—A MAN OF GOOD ADdress and education, capable of interviewing large business interests. Permanent road position if you make good. Address "Munto", care Star. de 14-1t*

FURNITURE, FURNITURE—WE HAVE all kinds at prices that will attract. If good service and fair treatment you are looking for we are the place. Always have some pieces that are slightly damaged at great big bargains. This writer has sold more furniture in this city than any living man. See us. Sterling Furniture Co. Phone 60. 19 and 21 South Front street, E. H. Sneed, manager. de 14-tf

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MECHANICS HOME ASSOCIATION—New series B. & L. stock opens Jan. 6, 1917. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. 203 Princess. de 14-3t

OLD NEWSPAPERS—SUITABLE FOR wrapping or placing under carpets; limited number for sale at 20 cents per hundred while they last, at The Star office. de 14-tf

COSMOPOLITAN TWO YEARS, $2.00—For next days only will take two years subscription to Cosmopolitan for two dollars. After this, Cosmopolitan goes $2.00 a year. Act quick! Sheetz Subscription Agency, Silas Sheetz, Mgr., 412 Chestnut St., Wilmington, N. C. Phone 1543-J. de 14-1t*

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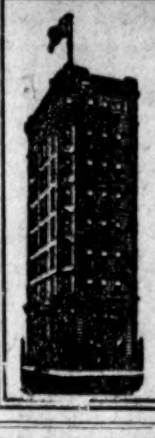

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